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## New Kidnapping Reported in Nigeria

Protestors crowd the gate of the Nigerian embassy in northwest Washington, Tuesday, May 6, 2014, protesting the kidnapping of nearly 300 teenage schoolgirls, abducted from a school in the remote northeast of Nigeria three weeks ago.

(AP Photo/Manuel Balce Ceneta)

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**ABUJA, Nigeria** - Armed extremists in northern Nigeria have carried out another brazen kidnapping of young girls, the U.N. Children's Fund and a local official said Tuesday, add-

ing to the international uproar over the abduction of more than 200 girls seized from a school in the same part of the country last month. Details of the additional kidnapping came as the Obama administration announced that it had

offered to help Nigeria's president, Goodluck Jonathan, find and prosecute those responsible for the April mass abduction, which has traumatized Nigeria and garnered attention worldwide. Jay Carney, a White House spokesman, told reporters

in Washington that the assistance, including U.S. military personnel and experts in hostage negotiations, was offered to Jonathan in a telephone call with U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry. In addition, the State Department issued an updated warning to U.S. citi-

zens, admonishing them to avoid nonessential travel to parts of northern Nigeria "due to the risk of kidnappings, robberies and other armed attacks."

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## South Korea warns North Korea over new nuke test

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Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — South Korea's foreign minister warned North Korea on Tuesday that the cost of keeping and testing nuclear weapons will be so high that it could threaten the survival of Kim Jong Un's regime.

Yun Byung-se told a standing-room audience of diplomats, U.N. officials and Korea-watchers at the International Peace Institute that the North will pay "the heaviest price" in new sanctions if it defies the international community and goes ahead with a new nuclear test.

Many experts — and the South Korean government — had suspected the North would conduct its fourth nuclear test during President Barack Obama's recent visit to Seoul. North Korea has said it still may go ahead and test a new kind of nuclear device following Obama's visit.

"Our assessment is that North Korea is ready to undertake a test whenever they make the necessary political decision," Yun said.

A call to North Korea's U.N. Mission seeking comment was not answered.

He explained that a new test "will make a great impact on the strategic landscape in our part of the world" and could undermine the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty, the cornerstone of global nuclear disarmament efforts. North Korea has pulled out of the treaty.

Faced with this challenge, Yun said South Korea has been making intensive diplomatic efforts to deter the North from carrying out a new test with the other parties to the stalled six-party nuclear talks aimed at reining in the North's nuclear program, Security Council members, the European Union and Asian nations.

In the event of a new test, he said, the U.N. Security Council must fill all loopholes in the four rounds of sanctions it has already imposed on the North over its nuclear and ballistic missile programs — and individual countries must take similar tough measures.

As long as North Korea relies on nuclear weapons to make threats, Yun warned, "then we, South Korea, together with our partners in the Security Council, will make the cost of having these nuclear weapons very very high, very very heavy, so that could backfire to the regime — the survival of the regime."

At the same time, Yun stressed that South Korea is seeking to build a peaceful and "new Korean peninsula."

He reiterated President Park Geun-hye's proposals last month to reunify Korea, which has been divided along the world's most heavily fortified border since the 1950-53 Korean War ended with an armistice, not a peace treaty.

"It takes two to tango," he said. "We hope North Korea will respond positively to our genuine proposals."

Yun said South Korea "recognizes that our journey for reunification will be long and bumpy" but he said a nuclear-free and unified Korea would alleviate security threats in northeast Asia and stabilize the region.

"The geopolitical plate of the region is going through what I would call tectonic shifts," he said. "We are witnessing a rising China, a resurgent Japan, an assertive Russia and an anachronistic North Korea which is simultaneously pursuing nuclear weapons and economic development." □

## New kidnapping reported in Nigeria

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UNICEF said the second kidnapping involved at least eight girls who were seized in their homes in Borno state to prevent them from attending school. It called the latest abduction "an outrage and a worsening nightmare for the girls themselves, and for the families of the more than 200 girls who have been stolen from their communities in the last several weeks."

Manuel Fontaine, UNICEF's regional director for west and central Africa, said in a telephone interview

people say enough is enough."

Hamba Tada, a local official in Gwoza, another town in the area, offered further confirmation and additional details of the latest kidnapping, although his account differed in some respects.

Tada said 11 girls, 12 to 15 years old, had been abducted from two villages, Warabe and Wala, on Sunday night by members of Boko Haram. He said the kidnappers, armed with AK-47 rifles, had not shot anyone but seized grain and livestock from the villagers "while the abduct-

commissioner for human rights, said through a spokesman that Boko Haram would be held accountable for the kidnappings.

"We warn the perpetrators that there is an absolute prohibition against slavery and sexual slavery in international law," Pillay's spokesman, Rupert Colville, told reporters at a news briefing. "That means anyone responsible can be arrested, charged, prosecuted and jailed at any time in the future. So just because they think they are safe now, they won't necessarily be in



A man display copies of local newspapers during a demonstration calling on the government to rescue kidnapped school girls from Chibok government secondary school, outside the defense headquarters, in Abuja, Nigeria, Tuesday, May 6, 2014. The plight has drawn international attention to an escalating Islamic extremist insurrection that has killed more than 1,500 so far this year. Boko Haram, the name means "Western education is sinful," has claimed responsibility for the mass kidnapping and threatened to sell the girls.

(AP Photo/ Sunday Alamba)

that the information was obtained from the agency's contacts for the area, which has been riven for years by attacks on villages and schools by the Islamist group Boko Haram. The leader of the group, Abubakar Shekau, has claimed responsibility for the mass abduction last month in a newly released video in which he vowed to sell the girls like slaves.

"The situation in northeast Nigeria has been difficult for a long time," Fontaine said. The mass anger and global outcry caused by the abductions is important, he said, because it shows that "at some point

ed girls were hurled into an 18-seater bus before they fled."

"The gunmen only warned the villagers against alerting any security personnel on the abduction of girls," Tada said. "They promised to deal with anyone that violates their order."

The accounts contradicted the police commissioner in Borno state, Lawan Tanko, who denied there had been any new abductions.

The news came as top human rights figures added their voices Tuesday to the anger over the first mass abduction on April 14.

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two years, five years or 10 years' time."

Cristina Finch, managing director of Amnesty International USA's identify and discrimination unit, which focuses on women's human rights, said the abductions reflected what she called "yet another example of the ways in which violence against girls and women affects every aspect of their lives."

The kidnappings have gripped Nigeria, ignited a rare anti-government protest movement and embarrassed the government of Jonathan, which has so far been unable to rescue the teenage girls. □



## Former Christie side, testifying in bridge inquiry, defends office

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**TRENTON, N.J.** - A former Christie administration staff member told New Jersey legislators Tuesday that despite the seemingly politically calculated decision to close traffic lanes at the George Washington Bridge last year, the office created by Gov. Chris Christie to provide nonpartisan support to local leaders did its job admirably.

The staff member, Christina Renna, who worked at the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs under the governor's now former deputy chief of staff, Bridget Anne Kelly, said the office "was amazingly nonpartisan."

At the same time, Renna said she was told by Kelly to get rid of evidence surrounding the lane closings and resulting traffic jams in Fort Lee.

During her appearance before lawmakers in Trenton, Renna said that she was not involved in or aware of the decision to close the lanes for four days in September. However, emails indicate that her supervisor played an integral role in the decision. Renna said that policy and politics did not intertwine in the office, but her testimony revealed a bureaucracy where lines could easily blur and lower-level staff members were often abruptly told not to reach out to local leaders, many times with no explanation. Renna's appearance is the first time a member of the Christie administration has testified verbally before the legislative committee, which was created to investigate the bridge controversy.

Staff members in the office were encouraged to work to seek endorsements for

Christie, a Republican, but only during nonworking hours, Renna testified.

They were not required to do political work, but Renna described a coor-

dated operation carried out by workers who volunteered their time. □



Christina Renna, former intergovernmental affairs director for New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, is joined by her lawyer Henry Klingeman while testifying before the state's Legislative Select Committee on Investigation in Trenton, N.J., May 6, 2014. Renna said she was not involved in the decision to close bridge lanes, but was told by Bridget Anne Kelly, the governor's former deputy chief of staff, to get rid of evidence about the closures.

(Richard Perry/The New York Times)

## Missouri house overrides Governor's veto of tax bill

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**JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.** - The Republican-controlled state House on Tuesday followed its colleagues in the Senate and voted to override Democratic Gov. Jay Nixon's veto of a major tax-cut bill, setting the stage for sharp reductions in state personal income taxes.

The House took up the vote immediately after convening Tuesday, overriding Nixon's veto with the support of Republicans and one Democrat, 109-46. Rep. Keith English, a Democrat from Florissant near St. Louis, voted with the Republicans.

Timothy Jones, the speaker of the House, said in a statement on Tuesday that the passage of the bill "showed Missourians why they elected a Republican supermajority to the Missouri Legislature."

"Our high tax rate has been harming our economy, making our state less competitive and resulting in thousands of Missourians leaving our state for low-

tax states like Florida and Kansas," Jones said.

The override was a rebuke of Nixon, who in September lobbied so vigorously against a different tax-cut bill championed by Republican legislators that the lawmakers failed to override his veto of that measure.

Late Monday, House lawmakers vigorously debated the bill, but did not bring it to a vote because a crucial Republican supporter was not in attendance. Republicans said the override of the governor's veto was one of their top legislative priorities before the session ended May 16.

The legislation would gradually reduce the top individual income tax rate to 5.5 percent, from 6 percent, starting in 2017, provided state revenue is growing. It would also phase in a 25 percent deduction for business income reported on personal tax returns.

The Senate debated the bill for less than 30 minutes on Monday before overriding the veto on a 23-to-8 vote. □

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## Republicans focus on Benghazi as elections loom

**BRADLEY KLAPPER**  
**Associated Press**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Republicans are sharpening their focus on the deadly 2012 Benghazi, Libya, attack as the U.S. midterm elections loom closer, with a likely vote this week on establishing a select congressional committee to investigate the Obama administration's response. The Republican-led House is planning the vote sometime in the next several days to authorize the committee, which would provide Republicans with a high-profile forum to criticize President Barack Obama and his team over the next several months. The focus on Benghazi highlights a central plank in the Republicans' strategy

to energize its base ahead of November's elections, when a fierce contest for control of the Senate is at stake. Ambassador Chris Stevens and three other Americans were killed in the Sept. 11, 2012 attack on the U.S. diplomatic post in Libyan port city. Republicans say the White House, concerned primarily with protecting Obama in the final weeks of his 2012 re-election campaign, misled the nation after Benghazi. They accuse the administration of stonewalling congressional investigators ever since, pointing specifically to emails written by administration officials in the days after the attack but only released last week.



This photo shows House Oversight Committee member Rep. Trey Gowdy, R-S.C., during a hearing on Capitol Hill in Washington. Republicans are sharpening their focus on the deadly 2012 Benghazi, Libya, attack as the U.S. midterm elections loom closer.

The Obama administration denies any wrongdoing,

and Democrats in Congress say no evidence suggests officials did anything but try to provide the public with the best information available. They accuse the Republicans of trying to generate a scandal to drum up political support, and to target Hillary Rodham Clinton, who was Secretary of State at the time of the attack and is now the presumed front-runner for the Democratic presidential nomination in 2016. "If this review is to be fair, it must be truly bipartisan," said Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, a California Democrat. House Speaker John Boehner has yet to outline his full plan for the select panel, whose establishment is all but a formality in the Republican-controlled House. But the Republican chosen by Boehner to head the investigation said Democrats wouldn't get the same number of seats — and votes — on the committee. "Look, we're in the majority for a reason. We have more seats in the House," said Rep. Trey Gowdy, a second-term congressman from South Carolina and former prosecutor. He called Pelosi's comments a "good sign" that she is considering Democratic participation. □

(AP Photo/J. Scott Applewhite)

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## Senate takes up energy bill amid Keystone XL squabble

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**Associated Press**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The Senate began debate Tuesday on a bill that supporters of the Keystone XL oil pipeline want to use as a vehicle to authorize immediate construction of the proposed pipeline from Canada to the United States. The 79-20 vote to limit debate on an energy efficiency bill lost much of its significance as the two parties continued to argue over what amendments to allow on the measure, including the pipeline project. Senate Majority Leader

Harry Reid, a Democrat, denied a Republican request for an amendment on the pipeline, but said he is open to a stand-alone vote on a pipeline bill later. Reid accused Republicans of trying to block the energy bill, which has bipartisan support. Republicans said Reid was backing away from a promise to allow a vote on Keystone. "Senate Republicans keep changing their requests," Reid said, noting that some Republicans first asked for a "sense of the Senate" resolution on Keystone and then later called for a binding vote. □

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## AP Report: Holiday delayed work in hot NYC jail

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — Jail officials asked for an excessive-heat problem to be fixed a day before a mentally ill inmate was found dead in a hundred-degree cell, but the repairs came too late because they were delayed by a long holiday weekend, according to documents obtained Tuesday by The Associated Press. The two work orders for "too much heat" prepared on Feb. 14, a Friday, weren't received until Feb. 18, the following Tuesday, because the maintenance department doesn't receive requests during weekends, according to an email sent by a court-appointed monitor and filed last month in an ongoing federal lawsuit by The Legal Aid Society. In addition, that Monday was Presidents Day, a federal holiday.

The email by the deputy director of the Office of Compliance Consultants, filed last month in U.S. District Court in Manhattan in a case concerning heating conditions in the city's Rikers Island jail complex,

also revealed previously unknown details regarding the death of 56-year-old former Marine Jerome Murdough.

The AP first reported in March on suspicions about Murdough's cause of death. One official who spoke at the time on the condition of anonymity described him as having "basically baked to death." The mayor has called his death "very troubling," and it prompted Department of Correction officials to suspend a correction officer, reassign a warden and transfer a mechanics supervisor. Among those details, the email, citing an internal Department of Correction investigation, disclosed that Murdough's internal body temperature, taken nearly four hours after he was discovered unresponsive and slumped at the edge of the foot of his bed with "a pool of vomit and blood on the floor," was 103 degrees Fahrenheit (39.44 Celsius). It said the cell was 101 degrees. After Murdough was found dead in the early hours of Feb. 15 and several other cells were found to be more than 80 de-



Lakisha Murdough, right, consoles her sister Victoria Murdough, both daughters of Jerome Murdough, during his funeral at the Cobbs Funeral Chapel, in the Queens borough of New York. (AP Photo/Richard Drew)

grees, maintenance workers corrected the heat malfunction, the a Feb. 27 email said. "To learn that Jerome Murdough died as a result of the city's failure to remove him from a dan-

gerous environment shows how senseless and avoidable his death was," said family attorney Derek Sells, noting the family was preparing a lawsuit against the city. □

## Organizers planning to hold fast-food protests overseas

CANDICE CHOI  
AP Food Industry Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Labor organizers say they're planning another day of fast-food protests next week, with coordinated actions expected in more than 30 countries this time around. Union representatives from countries including Argentina, Hong Kong, Italy, New Zealand and Panama gathered in New York this week to share tips and strategize for the demonstrations slated to take place on May 15. Organizers plan to announce the global actions at a press conference outside a McDonald's in New York on Wednesday afternoon.

The protests calling for pay of \$15 an hour in the U.S. have gained national media attention since they began in New York in late 2012. The push is getting fi-

nancial and organizational support from the Service Employees International Union and has served as an important backdrop as President Obama and Democratic lawmakers seek to raise the federal minimum wage in an election year.

Although the effort to raise the federal minimum wage in Congress seems highly unlikely to succeed, several states and localities have raised their minimum wages over the past year or so.

The federal minimum wage of \$7.25 an hour was last raised in 2009. The rate translates to about \$15,000 a year, assuming the employee works 40 hours a week.

The protests also come at a time when the widening income gap has become a pressing issue. □

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# IBM partners with universities on Watson projects

**BREE FOWLER**

**AP Technology Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Watson is going to college.

Students at seven of the country's top computer science universities will get a chance to try out IBM's famous cognitive computing system as part of new classes set for next fall.

The partnership between Armonk, New York-based IBM and the universities, which was set to be announced Wednesday, will let students use the "Jeopardy!" champion to develop new cognitive computing applications for a variety of industries ranging from health care to finance.

"If they're interested in these kinds of technologies, when they graduate they're going to have a natural proclivity to designing them," says Michael Rhodin, IBM's senior vice president overseeing Watson.

"The logic here is that the next generation of entrepreneurs is in universities today."

The move follows IBM Corp.'s January an-

nouncement that it was investing more than \$1 billion in Watson, including about \$100 million in startup companies working on Watson projects. The investment

close to New York University, one of the schools taking part in the project.

The partnership will provide a unique opportunity for the students, who will most-

Instead of relying only on the information that's put into it, Watson learns by "reading" vast amounts of information and combining it with the results of

As part of the Watson classes, students will be given access to a Watson system that IBM will provide through a cloud. They'll then break into teams and use those resources to build and test their own applications, which will be geared toward a particular industry.

Participating students at the University of Michigan will likely develop their apps in collaboration with the University of Michigan Health Center and specifically its C.S. Mott Children's Hospital, says Eric Michielsens a professor of engineering and computer science, who also serves as associate vice president for advanced research.

It's also possible that the university's business school could get involved to help gauge the commercial potential of the apps, he says.

"Yes, we have a fantastic artificial intelligence group here, but Watson's technologies are very unique," Michielsens says. "This is a fantastic opportunity for our students to use the extraordinary capabilities of Watson." □



Photo shows the IBM computer system known as Watson, at IBM's T.J. Watson research center in Yorktown Heights, N.Y. A partnership between IBM and seven of the country's top computer science universities will let students will use the "Jeopardy!" champion to develop new cognitive computing applications for a variety of industries ranging from health care to finance.

(AP Photo/IBM)

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ly be seniors and graduate students, because Watson isn't programed like traditional computers.

previous work to find answers to problems, making it ideal for data-heavy industries.

## New headache for CEOs: Data breaches

**BREE FOWLER**

**AP Technology Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Add hackers to the long list of things that give chief executive officers insomnia.

Target's chief executive, Gregg Steinhafel, is the first boss of a major corporation to lose his job over a theft of customer data. His exit from the helm of America's third-largest retailer on Monday shows that — in addition to guiding company strategy and keeping Wall Street happy with ever-growing profits — today's chief executives are being held responsible for lapses in computer security. Daniel Ives, an analyst for FBR Capital Markets, believes many CEOs will be placing calls to their chief information officers today, just to make sure their operations are as fortified as possible.

"Ultimately, it's the CIO and the IT managers that are really more in the weeds,"

Ives says. "But just like the head coach of a football or basketball team that doesn't make the playoffs, the CEO is ultimately responsible."

Steinhafel was in charge when hackers stole millions of consumer data records, including credit card number, names and addresses, from Target's computer system last holiday season. To be sure, Target had been struggling with weak sales for several years and had run into problems with its Canadian expansion. But there's no denying the breach and its fallout were big factors in Steinhafel's departure, says Ronald Humphrey, a professor who studies leadership at Virginia Commonwealth University. Humphrey believes that while a company's CEO is responsible for data security, the issue — much like worker security or environmental contamination — can sometimes

get put on the backburner, because it isn't always recognized as a core part of operations.

"This is a wakeup call to CEOs that data security is something that affects their customers," Humphrey says. "If you've had your identity stolen you know it's a huge headache. I think they have to take this very seriously." And if a breach does occur, a CEO needs to be able to show his board of directors that it didn't result from a lack of resources devoted to data security, he says.

Minneapolis-based Target Corp.'s computer systems were infiltrated by hackers who took 40 million debit and credit card numbers, along with the personal information of as many as 70 million people.

Target revealed in its fourth-quarter earnings release in February that it incurred \$61 million in breach-related expenses. □



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## US Financial Front:

## Weaker sales tapered American home prices in March



A realty sign hangs in front of a home for sale in Orlando, Fla. Real estate data provider CoreLogic reported on U.S. home prices in March on Tuesday, May 6, 2014.

(AP Photo/John Raoux)

C. S. RUGABER

AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S.

home prices rose at a slightly slower pace in the 12 months that ended in March, a sign that weak sales have begun to restrain the housing market's sharp price gains.

Data provider CoreLogic says prices rose 11.1 percent in March compared with March 2013. Though a sizable increase, that was down a bit from February's 12.2 percent year-over-year increase. On a month-to-month basis, prices in March rose 1.4 percent from February. But CoreLogic's month-to-month

figures aren't adjusted for seasonal patterns, such as warmer spring weather.

Home sales and construction have faltered since last fall, slowing the economy. A harsh winter, higher buying costs and a limited supply of available homes have discouraged many potential buyers. Existing-home sales in March reached their lowest level in 20 months.

Some signs suggest that buying might be picking up a bit as the spring season gets underway. Signed contracts to buy homes rose in March for the first time in nine months, the National Association of Re-

altors said last week.

Even so, economists forecast that sales of existing homes will barely rise this year from 2013's pace of 5.1 million. Sluggish sales, in turn, will slow annual price gains this year to roughly 5 percent or 6 percent, economists predict. CoreLogic forecasts that prices will increase just 6.7 percent in the 12 months that will end next March.

Higher prices typically encourage some homeowners to sell, yet the number of homes on the market remains low. CoreLogic's chief economist, Mark Fleming, said many homeowners might be reluctant to sell because they've locked in low mortgage rates and are hesitant to

buy a home with a higher-rate mortgage.

The Federal Reserve's bond-buying program helped reduce the average rate on a 30-year fixed mortgage to as low as 3.3 percent in early 2013. The average is now about 4.3 percent, according to mortgage buyer Freddie Mac. Fleming calculates that about a third of homeowners with mortgages are paying rates below 4 percent. An additional 15 percent are paying around the current average of 4.3 percent. That means roughly half of homeowners with mortgages are paying rates at or below the current level — roughly double the percentage of a year ago. □

## US trade deficit tumbles 3.6%

MARTIN CRUTSINGER

AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The

U.S. trade deficit narrowed in March as exports rebounded to the second highest level on record, led by strong gains in sales of aircraft, autos and farm goods.

The deficit declined to \$40.4 billion, down 3.6 percent from a revised February imbalance of \$41.9 billion, the Commerce Department reported Tuesday. The February deficit had been the biggest trade gap in five months.

U.S. exports rose 2.1 percent to \$193.9 billion with

exports to Canada and South Korea hitting all-time highs. Imports also rose but by a slower 1.1 percent to \$234.3 billion, reflecting increased shipments of cellphones, clothing and other consumer goods and increased demand for heavy machinery and other capital goods.

A smaller trade deficit can boost growth because it means U.S. companies are earning more on their overseas sales.

In 2013, the trade deficit narrowed 11.2 percent to \$474.9 billion, helping provide a small boost to overall economic growth. □

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# Subway putting hummus, thinner meat slices to the test

**CANDICE CHOI**  
**AP Food Industry Writer**  
**NEW YORK (AP)** — Subway is testing hummus and thinner

slices of deli meats that look more appealing as it looks to keep pace with changing eating trends.

Tony Pace, Subway's chief marketing officer, said in interview Tuesday that the chain began testing

hummus as a topping in early April. Pace noted that many customers already order vegetarian sandwiches and that the chickpea spread would give people looking for meatless options another choice. "It's something we've been talking about for the last three or four years," Pace said, saying it has "tremendous potential." If the test is successful, Pace said it would be the first time the chain rolled out hummus nationally. Individual franchisees may have offered it independently in the past, he said. Getting hummus as a topping will cost more, much like the avocado Subway added to its menu in recent years.

The hummus test comes at a time when many Ameri-

cans are trying to cut back on how much meat they eat. In particular, Pace noted that people in their 20s are more "nutritionally aware" than any other past generation. In coming years, he predicted their eating habits will force the restaurant industry to adapt their menus.

Executives at Chipotle Mexican Grill, which recently began rolling out a vegan tofu topping for its burritos and bowls, have also noted that meatless options help the chain cultivate a relationship with younger consumers, who often experiment with being a vegetarian or vegan. In a separate interview, Subway co-founder Fred DeLuca said the chain also started testing thinner slices of deli meat in December. In the test, which is taking place at restaurants in Illinois, DeLuca said franchisees are putting 12 slices of meat on a Footlong sandwich, instead of eight. He said the meat is the same but that it's just sliced thinner to improve its "bite" and appearance.

"For some reason, it looks better. It looks like more meat," DeLuca said.

DeLuca expressed optimism about the thinner slices and that the franchisees in Illinois were "very enthusiastic" about the change. Still, he noted that such a change would take considerable research and investment to roll it out nationally. The earliest it could be available nationally would be in about a year, he said. DeLuca, who has been diagnosed with leukemia, also noted that he hasn't traveled as much in the past year because of his health. He added that he has "toyed with the idea that on the 50th anniversary, it might be a nice idea to step back."

That would entail naming a president, while remaining in the CEO role, DeLuca said. The chain's 50th anniversary is next year.

Looking forward, he said he expects Subway to have about 65,000 locations globally in the next 10 years, with about half of those in the U.S. □



Fred DeLuca, left, Co-Founder and CEO, SUBWAY Restaurants, and Jared "The SUBWAY Guy" Fogle show off their sandwich artistry at a SUBWAY store in New York, Tuesday, May 6, 2014.

(Diane Bondareff/AP Images)

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## Vatican: 848 priests defrocked for abuse since '04

JOHN HEILPRIN  
NICOLE WINFIELD  
Associated Press

GENEVA (AP) — The Vatican revealed Tuesday that over the past decade, it has defrocked 848 priests who raped or molested children and sanctioned another 2,572 with lesser penalties, providing the first ever breakdown of how it handled the more than 3,400 cases of abuse reported to the Holy See since 2004.

The Vatican's U.N. ambassador in Geneva, Archbishop Silvano Tomasi, released the figures during a second day of grilling by a U.N. committee monitoring implementation of the U.N. treaty against torture.

Tomasi insisted that the Holy See was only obliged to abide by the torture treaty inside the tiny Vatican City State, which has a population of only a few hundred people.

But significantly, he didn't dispute the committee's contention that sexual violence against children can be considered torture. Legal experts have said that classifying sexual abuse as torture could expose the Catholic Church to a new wave of lawsuits since torture cases in much of the world don't carry statutes of limitations.

Tomasi also provided statistics about how the Holy See has adjudicated sex abuse cases for the past decade. The Vatican in 2001 required bishops and religious superiors to forward all credible cases of abuse to Rome for review after determining that they were shuffling pedophile priests from diocese to diocese rather than subjecting them to church trials.

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The Vatican's United Nations ambassador in Geneva, Archbishop Silvano M. Tomasi, at the U.N. torture committee hearing on the Vatican, in Geneva. Tomasi revealed comprehensive statistics for the first time Tuesday on how the Vatican has disciplined priests accused of raping and molesting children, saying 848 priests have been defrocked and another 2,572 given lesser sanctions over the past decade.

(AP Photo/Keystone, Salvatore Di Nolfi)

## Chinese lawyer held in Tiananmen clampdown

GILLIAN WONG  
Associated Press

BEIJING (AP) — Chinese authorities detained a well-known rights lawyer and several other people Tuesday in an apparent bid to deter activists from marking the upcoming 25th anniversary of a brutal military suppression of pro-democracy protesters.

Beijing police placed Pu Zhiqiang under criminal detention early in the morning, according to Qu Zhenhong, an associate at Pu's firm who has been in contact with his family.

Pu enjoys mainstream prominence that is unusu-

al for most dissidents, and news of his detention was circulating widely on Chinese microblogs.

Despite his outspoken criticism of the government, Pu has been featured in magazines and interviewed about labor camps, against which he led high-profile campaigns.

He has represented both high-profile dissidents such as the artist Ai Weiwei as well as the family members of Communist Party members who died in custody of the party's anti-graft investigators after being tortured.

Two of Pu's close friends,

Beijing activist Hu Jia and Shanghai lawyer Si Weijiang, said the detention was likely the authorities' retaliation against Pu for attending a seminar in Beijing on Saturday to discuss the June 4, 1989, military crackdown on demonstrators in Tiananmen Square.

"I believe the authorities are detaining Pu now so that he can't do anything between now and the anniversary and so his detention will create a panic and terror among those who wish to remember that day," Hu said by phone. Hu himself has been under house arrest since Febru-

ary, he said.

Several other people who attended the seminar, including Beijing-based scholars Hao Jian and Xu Youyu and blogger and free speech activist Liu Di, were similarly detained Tuesday, Hu said, citing their family members. Calls to their mobile phones rang unanswered.

The Chinese government has never fully disclosed what happened during the crackdown on pro-democracy protesters that killed hundreds, possibly more, and has branded the protests a "counterrevolutionary riot." □





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## Ukraine troops tighten cordon around rebellious cities

**PETER LEONARD  
YURAS KARMANAU**  
**Associated Press**

**DONETSK, Ukraine (AP)** — A pro-Russia militia holding

nity elsewhere in the turbulent region.

The foreign ministers of Ukraine and Russia met Tuesday, but their open

day during a meeting in Moscow between Russian President Vladimir Putin and Swiss President Didier Burkhalter, whose country

OSCE to play a greater role in defusing the tensions in Ukraine.

Ukrainian military operations that began Monday to expunge pro-Russia forces from the city of Slovyansk were the interim government's most ambitious effort so far to quell weeks of unrest in Ukraine's mainly Russian-speaking east. Four government troops and 30 militants were killed in the gunbattles, Ukraine's interior minister said Tuesday. The pro-Russia militia said 10 people were killed, including civilians. There was no immediate way to reconcile the figures.

In the southwest, Kiev authorities also attempted to reassert control over the region around Odessa, a major Black Sea port, by appointing a new governor on Tuesday.

This nation of 46 million was thrown into a political crisis after its Moscow-leaning president, whose base was in eastern Ukraine, fled to Russia in February following months of protests in Kiev.

Across the region in recent weeks, armed insurgents who have seized dozens of government buildings and police stations are now at odds with western and central Ukraine, which seek closer ties with Europe and largely back the government in Kiev.

Interior Minister Arsen Avakov gave the death toll on his Facebook page Tuesday, adding that 20 government troops were also injured during fighting in Slovyansk. He said about 800 pro-Russia forces in and around Slovyansk used large-caliber weapons and mortars on Monday. By Tuesday morning, Ukrainian forces had taken hold of a key checkpoint north of the city, dealing a blow to insurgent lines of communication.

In Donetsk, a major city 120 kilometers (75 miles) south of Slovyansk, the airport was closed during the day to international flights following a government order but reopened later.

In the afternoon, about 30 pro-Russia militants armed with automatic rifles and grenade launchers surrounded an Interior Ministry base in Donetsk, demanding that the troops inside not join any government operations against pro-Russia forces. While it was unclear whether they would attack, besieging the base was an uptick in their offensive.

In Odessa, Kiev authorities announced Tuesday they were firing the acting governor and replacing him with a member of parliament, Ihor Palytsya. Odessa's police chief was also fired over the weekend.

Concern that Odessa could be the next region to fall grew after 46 people died Friday. □



**Pro-Russian gunmen hold their weapons as they try to block a military base of Ukrainian riot police in Donetsk, Ukraine, Tuesday, May 6, 2014. The pro-Russian insurgent gunmen surrounded the base and said they were holding negotiations with commanders inside to ensure that they did not join forces with government-allied groups.**

(AP Photo/Alexander Ermochenko)

an eastern Ukrainian city came under further pressure Tuesday from advancing government troops, but militants acted with impu-

disagreements did nothing to suggest a diplomatic solution was near.

Diplomacy was to be taken up again on Wednes-

currently chairs the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe. Russia and the West have expressed a desire for the

## North Ireland police chief defends Adams arrest

**SHAWN POGATCHNIK**  
**Associated Press**

**DUBLIN (AP)** — Northern Ireland's police chief says it was right to arrest Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams over a 1972 Irish Republican Army killing even though no charges have been filed because a judge found the evidence warranted an extended interrogation. In his first comment since Adams spent five days behind bars, Chief Constable Matt Baggott said Tuesday that Adams' Irish nationalist party was wrong to say that their leader had been persecuted for political reasons.

During Adams' deten-

tion, which ended Sunday, other Sinn Fein officials accused Protestant hardliners in the police force of conspiring to smear Adams. Baggott, an Englishman who has led the Police Service of Northern Ireland since 2009, said over a decade of reforms meant that his agency is one of the world's most scrutinized law enforcement bodies. He noted it was overseen by a civilian panel that includes Sinn Fein leaders and been held to account by a human rights commission and an independent complaints watchdog.

"As such, questioning the motivation or impartiality of

police officers tasked with investigating serious crime in this very public, generalized and vague manner is both unfair and inappropriate," Baggott said.

Baggott said his officers should be able to arrest and question murder suspects "regardless of any undue pressures.

It would have been wrong to treat Mr. Adams any differently to other citizens."

Baggott noted that, midway through Adams' detention, detectives had to go to court to seek a judge's permission to extend his custody. They presented evidence and received an extra 48 hours.

The judge, he said, "decided that there were grounds for further detention."

After his release, Adams denied any involvement in the outlawed IRA or in the 1972 abduction, killing and secret burial of Jean McConville, a Belfast widow of 10. An IRA veteran, in an audiotaped interview for a Boston College oral history archive,

had accused Adams of being the group's Belfast commander at the time and responsible for ordering her disappearance.

Police have sent their evidence to state prosecutors, who will decide whether to press charges. □





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### France saying GE offer for Alstom not good enough

**PARIS (AP)** — French President Francois Hollande says that an offer by General Electric Co. for troubled French engineering company Alstom is not good enough and wants the U.S. company to come up with a better deal. The \$17 billion bid for Alstom's energy activities has prompted resistance within the French government, which is struggling to revive the country's industrial base and stay globally competitive. Alstom calls GE's offer "practically perfect" and is ready to accept, but bowed to government pressure to wait amid discussion of other options. Alstom pioneered high-speed TGV trains and manufactures turbines for power plants, but has struggled in recent years and was rescued by a government bailout in 2005. Hollande said on BFM television Tuesday that the bid is "not good enough today, it's not acceptable." He didn't reject the idea of a takeover, but instead appeared to be pushing for a better offer. He said that even though the decision is up to Alstom, the government is an Alstom client and "has enough means of pressure to end up with something that is good for Alstom, good for French industry." Economy Minister Arnaud Montebourg, a leftist firebrand who has vociferously resisted foreign bids for French companies, is proposing a "partnership" instead of a straight buyout. In a letter Montebourg sent Monday to GE CEO Jeffrey Immelt, the French minister suggests that GE sell its transport activities to Alstom, while GE buys Alstom's energy activities. □

## 10 EU nations set to tax financial transactions

**JUERGEN BAETZ**  
**Associated Press**

**BRUSSELS (AP)** — A group of ten European Union countries has agreed to introduce a financial transaction tax from 2016 onward, in an effort to curb speculation and claw back revenues after governments had to bail out banks. The nations — including economic heavyweights Germany, France, Italy and Spain — will initially tax only the trading of shares

and some derivatives, according to a joint statement published Tuesday on the sidelines of a meeting of the 28-nation bloc's finance ministers. The levy's scope won't be as broad as supporters initially hoped, but the countries said they hope to reach agreement on a tax that would include trading in most financial products later on. The EU estimates a broad levy could yield some 30 billion euros (\$42

billion) in additional annual tax revenues. Austrian Finance Minister Michael Spindelegger, who played a leading role in the tax negotiations, said the group will now work to overcome remaining practical hurdles to finalize the legislation by the end of this year. European officials started pushing for the tax following the 2008-09 financial crisis when governments had to spend hundreds of

billions of taxpayer money for bailouts to avoid a complete meltdown of the financial system. Still, they failed to muster the required unanimity for an EU-wide solution. Britain, which is home to the bloc's biggest financial hub, the City of London, is strongly opposed to the plan, saying it's a populist measure that will harm the economy and undermine banks' global competitiveness. □

## Europe seeks to reduce need for Russian energy

**FRANCES D'EMILIO**  
**Associated Press**

**ROME (AP)** — The Group of Seven industrialized powers and the European Union have resolved to cooperate to keep Russian President Vladimir Putin from using oil and gas supplies as a weapon in the increasingly violent Ukrainian crisis, an official said Tuesday. Britain's energy secretary, Ed Davey, said a two-day meeting in Rome found participants agreed to develop medium- and long-term policies to reduce the level of dependence on Russia's oil and gas by much of Europe. The discussions yielded a united stance on the need to "disarm the Russian energy weapon" by reducing Europe's energy dependence, Davey told reporters. That, however, could take years, he acknowledged. A pipeline running across Ukraine carries gas from Russia to much of Western Europe, including Italy, the G-7 member nation that hosted the meeting in preparation for a full summit next month. Washington has been bullish about pressing sanctions on Russia, which in



Britain's Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change Edward Davey talks to reporters at the end of the G7 meeting for Energy in Rome, Tuesday, May 6, 2014. Davey said the Group of 7 Western powers is vowing to stop Russian President Vladimir Putin from using "energy as a weapon" in the increasingly violent Ukrainian crisis.

(AP Photo/Riccardo De Luca)

March annexed Crimea, a strategic part of Ukraine. But participants said the discussions in Rome didn't deal with sanctions. "We have moved to a common understanding that energy security is a collective responsibility," U.S. Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz said. In a statement, the G-7 and EU energy ministers encouraged the EU to de-

velop emergency plans for energy supplies next winter at the regional level. Ukraine, which is hard-strapped to pay for gas it receives from Russia, would be especially vulnerable to any cutoff by Moscow of energy supplies. Specifically, Davey noted, the participants are encouraging efforts to provide so-called "reverse-flow" deliveries of gas from

western Europe to Ukraine. Some such deliveries have begun, but are still small in size. Meanwhile, Italy said it will look into receiving supplies of liquefied natural gas from Canada. That could make Canada effectively a competitor with the United States in tapping Europe's market for methane resulting from the boom in fracking in North America. □

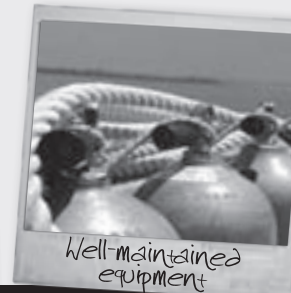


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# Uruguay rule-signing launches marijuana market

**L. HABERKORN**  
**Associated Press**

**MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay**

**(AP)** — President Jose Mujica signed the long-awaited rules for Uruguay's legal pot marketplace Tuesday, launching a rollout that should stock pharmacies with government-approved marijuana cigarettes for sale by year's end.

Opinion polls suggest most Uruguayans are against the pot plan, but Mujica told The Associated Press in an interview Friday that his government has got to try it.

"I want to rescue society's right to experiment. If it didn't exist, we would be condemned to paralysis, stuck in a photo that never changes a bit. There is no other way to be able to advance," the president said.

Mujica and his governing Broad Front coalition minis-

ters signed the rules behind closed doors, passing up the opportunity for a public ceremony on an issue that has dominated public discussion in Uruguay recently.

The president's efforts may be celebrated on T-shirts emblazoned with a green cannabis leaf and the phrase "Mujicannabis," but Mujica himself played

down the signing, opting instead to eat pizza with some friends at a downtown restaurant.

With Mujica's signature, the regulations are now fully in

effect, deputy presidential secretary Diego Canepa told the AP.

That means Uruguayan citizens and legal residents 18 or older can register to obtain licenses giving them the right to cultivate up to six marijuana plants per household and harvest 480 grams a year, or join a marijuana growing club with between 15 and 45 members and no more than 99 plants.

By putting his government at the center of a legal marijuana industry, Mujica hopes to keep otherwise law-abiding citizens away from organized crime and treat addiction as a public health challenge rather than a law enforcement threat. That's easier said than done: Police on Monday were investigating the slaying of a 24-year-old man preparing to harvest marijuana from six plants he kept in his home. According to the newspaper El Pais, a witness told police that Darwin Porley was shot on the sidewalk Sunday night after two men demanded all his plants, saying he was intruding on their turf. Officials said it wasn't known if the plants were for personal use or for sale. Under the law, pot plants like Porley's will be legal to possess for personal consumption once a grower is registered.

In two weeks, the government plans to take bids and choose a handful of growers to provide marijuana to the government for sale. Licensed buyers will be able to purchase up to 10 grams a week or 40 grams a month from a network of pharmacies, at a cost that will begin at about 90 cents a gram but be adjusted to compete with illegal weed. □



Uruguay's President Jose Mujica finishes lunch at El Subte pizzeria where he stopped to eat with friends in downtown Montevideo, Uruguay, Tuesday, May 6, 2014. Mujica signed a law creating the country's legal marijuana market, making Uruguay the first country in the world to create a nationwide market regulating the cultivation, sale and use of legal marijuana.

(AP Photo/Matilde Campodonico)

# Campaign chief for Colombian president resigns

**JOSHUA GOODMAN**  
**Associated Press**

**BOGOTA, Colombia (AP)** —

The chief strategist of President Juan Manuel Santos' re-election campaign has resigned amid allegations that he took \$12 million from some of Colombia's top drug lords in exchange for helping negotiate their surrender.

Appearing three weeks before the election, the allegations against J.J. Rendon were published over the weekend by the Colombian newspaper El Espectador and newsmagazine Semana.

The reports cited testimony from a U.S. jail by Javier Antonio Calle, who was one of the country's most-hunted drug traffickers until he

turned himself into the Drug Enforcement Administration in 2012.

Rendon acknowledged earlier this week that he was approached by intermediaries of Calle and other drug bosses after Santos' 2010 election, but he denied taking any money for communicating to the president their offer to disarm in exchange for concessions such as protection from extradition to the U.S. Police and prosecutors also acknowledged discussing the initiative with Rendon but said they rejected it out of hand.

Calle ended up turning himself in to the U.S. drug agents on the Caribbean island of Aruba a year later.

Santos wasn't implicated in any wrongdoing, but Rendon's resignation could add complications for the president as he struggles to fend off rivals heading into the May 25 election. Rendon, a Venezuelan national, is one of Latin America's most prominent campaign consultants and credited with spreading underground attacks that helped Santos come from behind in a 2010 runoff to defeat Antanas Mockus. Santos called Rendon's resignation a "gallant" gesture to avoid distracting from the campaign in its final stretch.

The president said he didn't know whether Rendon received payments for his mediation efforts but said

he believed in his former aide's good word.

The office of Colombia's chief federal prosecutor said it was looking into the matter and would send prosecutors to New York to interview Calle before deciding whether to open a probe into the actions of Rendon and another Santos aide implicated in the media reports, former political adviser German Chica. Before his surrender, Calle and his brother, who also is in U.S. custody, ran a criminal gang known as "Los Rastrojos," or The Leftovers, a violent paramilitary force that dominated the cocaine trade along Colombia's border with Venezuela and other parts of the country. □





## AHRA Launches New Website and Introduces New Logo!

**ORANJESTAD** - The Aruba Human Resources Association and its 50 members had many reasons to celebrate recently! Since the beginning in 1993 AHRA had a logo created and was never changed since, but recently AHRA proudly presented the new logo!

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**For the First Quarter of 2014:**

## La Cabana Beach Resort & Casino Recognizes Top-Performers!



**EAGLE BEACH** - The winner for January 2014, from Recreations, Henry Garcia, joined the winner for the associate of the month for February, from PBX, Linda Mitchell, and the winner for the associate of the month for March, from Accounting, Rufina Orman, to receive their handsomely engraved plaques and many heartfelt congratulations, besides dinner for four at the Islander Grill, 100 bonus stars and \$100 in cash as

La Cabana Beach Resort & Casino feted their first-class performance during a festive luncheon hosted by members of management and the department of Human Resources.

Additional winners for the day included the supervisor of the first quarter 2014, Guido de Cuba, Kitchen, and the winning team for the first quarter, from the department of Human Resources.

March included Tomas Nalumen, Recreations, Magdalena Rosario, Housekeeping, Carlos Ramirez, Food & Beverage, Ireneo Catibayan, Bell Services and Rufina Orman, Accounting.

Supervisors who distinguished themselves for the first quarter 2014, also included Martha Ligia Acevedo, Housekeeping, and Juliana Raymond, Accounting. Exceptional teams who gave their best to the resort during the first quarter also included Team 1-B, Housekeeping, and the Engineering Shift Team. While enjoying an excellent lunch catered by the culinary brigade the forum also acknowledged the long term careers of associates celebrating their 5th, 15th & 20th anniversaries, during the past few months. They all enjoyed a photo opportunity with members of management paired with certificates and loving pats on the backs for their 5th anniversary: Jaime Pamintuan, Security, Tomas Nalumen and Damian Tromp, Recreations, for their 15th anniversary, Hubert Pietersz, Security and for their 20th anniversary, Marilyn de Oliveira, Accounting, Carmen Odor, Housekeeping, Elena Acevedo, Kitchen, Carine Cratz, Human Resources, Vicente Guerrero and Wilfred Pardo, Food & Beverage. □

Associates, Supervisor and Teams came together to celebrate the hard work and the accomplishments of the past few months, during high season, the busiest time of the year. There were speeches, and applause and camaraderie, as excellence and dedication to the job were highlighted and praised. Also nominated for their exceptional performances during January: Andre Geerman, Security, Maritza Nuñez, Housekeeping, Yves Andre, Engineering, Evens Bastien, Kitchen, Kirk Lovelace, Front Office and Glenda Jansen, Accounting. Additional diligent nominees for February: Adelmo Santiago, Security, Molly Mc. Farlane, Housekeeping, Mercedes Valero, Food & Beverage, Luz Mery Galviz, Kitchen and Cesar Cardona, Food & Beverage. More Nominees for their stellar conduct in

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## Some NFL retirees fault concussion settlement

MARYCLAIRE DALE  
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**PHILADELPHIA (AP)** — The proposed \$765 million settlement of NFL concussion claims came under attack again on Monday, this time from retirees who said they would get “nothing at all” for nagging health problems that limit their function. Seven former players filed a motion to intervene in the court case pending in Philadelphia, which aims to settle thousands of claims through a grid-like formula that reaches \$5 million for younger retirees with Alzheimer’s disease.

The latest objections come from men who can perhaps still work, but say they still suffer from headaches, personality changes, trouble multi-tasking, and other side effects they link to concussions suffered while playing in the league.

“The settlement provided no monetary recovery — nothing at all — for class members suffering from many of the residual effects most commonly linked to recurrent and repetitive mild traumatic brain injury, while releasing every claim these class members may have against the NFL,” lawyer Steven Molo wrote in the court filing. Senior U.S. District Judge Anita B. Brody fears the settlement is too low to cover 20,000 retirees for 65 years, as planned. Lawyers for both the NFL and the lead players’ group hope to convince her otherwise. “We’re still (working) with the special master and the judge ... to review the settlement agreement and rightfully ensure that all members of the class are protected,” said lawyer Sol Weiss, a lawyer for the lead players in the case.

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## M-V-P in OKC



**Durant wins Most Valuable Player in landslide**

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Oklahoma City Thunder forward Kevin Durant yells in the first half of Game 6 of an opening-round NBA basketball playoff series against the Memphis Grizzlies, Thursday, May 1, 2014, in Memphis, Tenn.  
Associated Press



# AL-leading Tigers top Astros 2-0, 6th straight win

**DETROIT (AP)** — Max Scherzer allowed just three hits and struck out nine batters over eight innings, leading the Detroit Tigers past the Houston Astros 2-0 Monday for their season-high sixth straight victory. Rajai Davis broke a scoreless tie with an RBI single in the seventh and Victor Martinez hit a solo homer in the eighth. Catcher Alex Avila threw out two runners in the late innings for the Tigers, who have the best record in the AL.

Houston, which has the worst record in the majors, has lost three in a row.

Scherzer (4-1) earned his fourth straight win.

Joe Nathan pitched the ninth for his sixth save in eight chances.

Jarred Cosart (1-3) allowed



**Detroit Tigers' pitcher Max Scherzer throws against the Houston Astros in the fifth inning of a baseball game in Detroit Monday, May 5, 2014.**

**Associated Press**

an unearned run and four hits in seven innings.

**TWINS 1, INDIANS 0, 10 INNINGS**

**CLEVELAND (AP)** — Eduardo Escobar homered to lead off the 10th inning against Cleveland closer John Axford, giving the Twins a win.

Escobar, who entered as a pinch-hitter in the seventh, connected on a 1-0 pitch from Axford (0-3), driving it over the wall in right for his first homer since June 20 and fourth of his career in 344 at-bats.

Caleb Thielbar (2-0) pitched a perfect ninth and Glen Perkins struck out two in the 10th for his eighth save.

**MARINERS 4, ATHLETICS 2**

**OAKLAND, California (AP)** — Stefen Romero hit his first major league home run to break a deadlock in the fifth inning as the Mariners beat the Athletics for their third straight victory and eighth in 10 games.

Chris Young (2-0) allowed two hits over six strong innings to win his second straight start.

The right-hander faced the minimum through three and didn't allow a hit until Jed Lowrie's one-out single in the fourth. Brandon Moss hit a tying two-run homer

two batters later.

Scott Kazmir (4-1), off to the best start in his career, was tagged for eight hits and four runs in six innings.

**ANGELS 4, YANKEES 1**

**ANAHEIM, California (AP)** — The Angels scored three runs off five straight walks in the eighth inning after Jered Weaver escaped a based-loaded jam with no outs in the top half as Los Angeles beat the Yankees. Yankees relievers Shawn Kelley (0-2), Matt Thornton and Preston Claiborne walked six overall in the eighth, the most walks in an inning by New York since 1990. Weaver (3-2) allowed a run and six hits in eight innings, struck out seven and walked one.

Weaver bounded off the mound pumping his fist and shouting in excitement after getting Derek Jeter to ground into an inning-ending double play in the eighth.

**In other AL games it was Minnesota 1, Cleveland 0, 10 innings; Toronto 3, Philadelphia 0; Detroit 2, Houston 0; Chicago White Sox 3, Chicago Cubs 1, 12 innings; Colorado 8, Texas 2; L.A. Angels 4, N.Y. Yankees 1; Seattle 4, Oakland 2; and San Diego 6, Kansas City 5, 12 innings.** □

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## NL Capsules

## Happ stifles Phillies, Blue Jays win 3-0



**Philadelphia Phillies' Freddy Galvis, bottom, collides with Toronto Blue Jays shortstop Jose Reyes after being forced out at second base on a fielders choice by Chase Utley during the third inning of an interleague baseball game, Monday, May 5, 2014, in Philadelphia.**  
Associated Press

**PHILADELPHIA (AP)** — Jose Reyes hit a leadoff homer and J.A. Happ allowed three hits over five innings as the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Philadelphia Phillies 3-0 on Monday.

Facing his former team, Happ (1-0) walked four and pitched out of trouble often in his first start of the season. The left-hander was filling in for injured righty Brendan Morrow. Four relievers finished off the seven-hitter. Kyle Kendrick (0-3) lost his eighth straight decision, dating to last season. He gave up three runs and seven hits in seven innings.

The Phillies failed to go two games above .500 for the first time since Oct. 1, 2012. They are 0-4 in those situations this season.

**CARDINALS 4, BRAVES 3**  
**ATLANTA (AP)** — Matt Carpenter's two-run double in the fifth inning helped carry the St. Louis Cardinals past the slumping Atlanta Braves, who shook up their lineup but still lost their sev-

enth in a row.

Desperate for more offense, Braves manager Fredi Gonzalez batted pitcher Aaron Harang eighth and put second baseman Ramiro Pena in the ninth spot. Pena had two hits, including a seventh-inning homer that brought the Braves within a run, but they couldn't overcome a 4-0 deficit.

Taking advantage of shaky defense, Carpenter doubled in two runs and Matt Holiday followed with a run-scoring single. Peter Bourjos had an RBI single in the sixth to extend St. Louis' lead.

Shelby Miller (4-2) got the win and Trevor Rosenthal earned his ninth save. Harang (3-3) took the loss.

**MARLINS 4, METS 3**

**MIAMI (AP)** — Casey McGehee hit a sharp grounder that caromed into right field off the back of reliever Gonzalez Germen's foot, allowing the winning run to score, as the Miami Marlins rallied late from a three-run deficit to beat the New York Mets.

Jarrod Saltalamacchia hit a tying double in the eighth off Daisuke Matsuzaka, who failed to retire any of the five batters he faced in relief of Jonathon Niese. Giancarlo Stanton had an RBI single and the Marlins scored another run on shortstop Omar Quintanilla's fielding error in the eighth.

Christian Yelich led off the ninth with a single off Scott Rice (0-1). He advanced to second on Ed Lucas' sacrifice. Germen intentionally walked Giancarlo Stanton before McGehee got his RBI single.

Marlins closer Steve Cishek (2-1) pitched a scoreless ninth for the win.

**NATIONALS 4, DODGERS 0**  
**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Anthony Rendon hit a two-run

homer in the first inning, and — thanks to an odd-moving storm that produced an interminable rain delay — the Washington Nationals didn't finish off the Los Angeles Dodgers until some six hours later on Tuesday morning, gaining sole possession of first place in the NL East.

Jordan Zimmerman pitched four shutout innings before the game was halted, and five relievers threw an inning apiece after play resumed. In between, there was a delay of 3 hours, 17 minutes while a narrow, cigar-shaped storm took its time soaking D.C. and not much else. As it was, Aaron Barrett (2-0) got the win, Zack Greinke (5-1) got a hard-luck first loss of the season and

Danny Espinosa added a two-run homer in the eighth. **GIANTS 11, PIRATES 10, 13 IN-NINGS**

**PITTSBURGH (AP)** — A throwing error by pitcher Jared Hughes on a sacrifice bunt by reliever Jean Machi in the 13th allowed the San Francisco Giants to score the winning run and overcome a six-run deficit to beat the Pittsburgh Pirates. Hughes (1-1) came on to start the 13th. With one out, he walked Hunter Pence and hit Juan Perez with a pitch. Machi (5-0), in just the second plate appearance of his four-year career, then dropped down a bunt, which Hughes fielded and threw wildly past first base as Pence scored from second base. □



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# Thunder's Kevin Durant wins first MVP award

**CLIFF BRUNT**

**AP Sports Writer**

**OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) —**

Kevin Durant has plenty of NBA scoring titles. Now, he finally has an MVP trophy to go with them.

The Oklahoma City Thunder star received the league's top individual honor on Tuesday, earning 119 first-place votes. Miami's LeBron James, who won the last two MVP awards and four of the previous five, finished second with six first-place votes, and Blake Griffin of the Los Angeles Clippers was third.

Durant won his fourth scoring crown in five years this season by averaging 32 points per game. He helped the Thunder finish the regular season with a 59-23 record, second best in the league, despite playing much of the season without three-time All-Star Russell Westbrook by his side because of a nagging knee injury.

"He's been the most consistent guy all season long," Westbrook said at the end of the regular season. "He's done a great job of leading



Oklahoma City Thunder's Kevin Durant, center, receives the MVP trophy from Percy Vaughn, of Kia, during a news conference announcing Durant as the winner of the 2013-14 Kia NBA Basketball Most Value Player Award in Oklahoma City, Tuesday, May 6, 2014. Durant's teammates applaud at right. Associated Press

us to where we are now. He's basically put himself in front of everybody else in the league and shown that he's the best player in the world." James agreed, saying on Monday: "Much respect to him and he deserves it. He had a big-time MVP season." Durant's run of 41 consecutive games this season with at least 25 points was the third longest

streak in NBA history. In all, he scored at least 40 points 14 times. He also averaged 7.4 rebounds and a career-high 5.5 assists while shooting 50 percent from the field.

"He does everything," New Orleans coach Monty Williams said. "You just can't recall a guy that long who can do what he does every single night. Shooting from

30 feet on the floor with confidence and driving to the basket and dunking on guys, and then go post up, and on top of it, a great teammate and good kid." Durant moved to the front of the pack while Westbrook was out following his most recent knee surgery. Durant averaged 35 points and 6.3 assists during that span as the Thunder went

20-7 and remained among the league's elite.

Westbrook's injury gave Durant an opportunity to use his improving skills as a playmaker.

"I've always been a player that was excited for my teammates' success," Durant said. "Not just mine, but my teammates' as well. Wanting to see them do well translates to my game, which is wanting to pass the ball and seeing my teammates reap the benefits."

Teammates and opponents say Durant became a more complete player this season. They praised him for improving his court vision, consistently making the extra pass and moving more efficiently without the ball. "What he does is tough to do," teammate Nick Collison said. "We take it for granted. To be able to stay on for long periods of time — have to cut hard, catch the ball in the right spot and defend on the other end — is tough to do. To be able to show that shows that he has an edge to him. He doesn't take a night off." □



Los Angeles Clippers guard Chris Paul (3) drives against Oklahoma City Thunder forward Kevin Durant (35) in the third quarter of Game 1 of the Western Conference semifinal NBA basketball playoff series in Oklahoma City, Monday, May 5, 2014. Los Angeles won 122-105.

**Associated Press**

**OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) —** Chris Paul made a career-high eight 3-pointers and scored 32 points to help the Los Angeles Clippers beat Oklahoma City 122-105 on Monday in Game 1 of their Western Conference semifinal.

In the Eastern Conference semifinals opener, Bradley

Beal scored 14 of his 25 points in the fourth quarter and Trevor Ariza added 22 to lead the Washington Wizards past the top-seeded Indiana Pacers 102-96. Paul, who had never made more than five 3-pointers in a game, had 10 assists.

"When somebody's got it going like that, you just try

## Clippers, Wizards wins in conference semis

to stay out of the way as much as possible, but also help keep that fire going," Clippers forward Blake Griffin said.

Blake Griffin scored 23 points, Jamal Crawford had 17 and J.J. Redick added 12 for the Clippers, who shot 55 percent from the field and made 15 of 29 3-point attempts.

Russell Westbrook scored 29 points, Kevin Durant had 25 and Serge Ibaka added 12 for the Thunder, who suffered their worst home loss since moving to Oklahoma City.

"We have to get more physical," Durant said. "I'm not talking about hard fouls, I'm talking about jamming the lane, fighting through screens and not letting guys run free. We

just have to be more physical."

The Clippers scored 23 points off Oklahoma City's 18 turnovers.

Game 2 is Wednesday night in Oklahoma City.

The Wizards won a second-round game for the first time since 1982 and are 4-0 on the road in this year's playoffs. They ended a 12-game losing streak at Indiana that dated to April 18, 2007, and they did it by nearly leading from wire-to-wire.

Paul George and George Hill had 18 points each for Indiana.

The Wizards trailed only once, 31-30, and took control with a 17-6 run to close the first half that made it 56-43. Indiana couldn't get closer than five points in

the second half.

Game 2 is Wednesday night at Indiana.

The Pacers have lost both of their playoff series' openers and will face another uphill battle — just days after rallying from a 3-2 deficit to beat Atlanta in seven games in the first round. □





# NHL playoffs Penguins, Kings win

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Sidney Crosby scored his first goal of the playoffs and Marc-Andre Fleury earned his



In this undated file photo provided by the U.S. District Court in Philadelphia, Judge Anita Brody is shown.

Associated Press

## NFL

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"We look forward to finalizing the agreement."

The NFL takes in more than \$9 billion in revenue annually, a figure that will rise with new TV contracts this year. The settlement does not include an admission from the NFL that it hid information from players about head injuries.

A few groups of players have asked to intervene in the settlement talks to raise various concerns. The group on Monday includes 2008 Pro Bowl player Sean Morey, now a sprint American football coach at Princeton University.

The vast majority of the proposed \$765 million fund would compensate former players with one of four neurological conditions: Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, Lou Gehrig's disease, or advanced dementia. Awards could also reach \$4 million for deaths linked posthumously to chronic traumatic encephalopathy. At the low end, an 80-year-old with early dementia would get \$25,000. Retirees without symptoms would get baseline screening and follow-up care if needed.

The agreement also sets aside \$75 million for medical exams and \$10 million for medical research. □

second shutout for the New York Rangers in two nights as the Pittsburgh Penguins regained home-ice advantage with a 2-0 victory in Game 3 on Monday.

In the day's other playoff game, Jonathan Quick made 36 saves and Marian Gaborik scored his third goal in two games as the Los Angeles Kings beat the Anaheim Ducks 3-1 to take a 2-0 lead in their second-round series.

Crosby ended a 13-game goal drought in the playoffs to give the Penguins the lead in the second period, and Jussi Jokinen added a breakaway goal. Fleury stopped 35 shots to back up his 22-save effort Sunday in a 3-0 win in Pittsburgh. He has eight career postseason shutouts and 51 wins.

The Penguins, who lost the opener in overtime, lead the Eastern Conference semifinal series 2-1. Game 4 is Wednesday in New York. Henrik Lundqvist made 13 saves for the weary Rangers, who played for the fifth time in seven days. They have consecutive losses in



New York Rangers defenseman Dan Girardi (5) checks Pittsburgh Penguins right wing Craig Adams (27) of Brunei as New York Rangers right wing Martin St. Louis (26) looks on in the third period of their second-round NHL Stanley Cup hockey playoff game at Madison Square Garden in New York, Monday, May 5, 2014.

Associated Press

these playoffs for the first time.

At Anaheim, California, Alec Martinez also scored for the Kings, who opened their first playoff series against their local rivals with two victories at a road arena packed with their

own fans.

Dwight King added an empty-net goal for Los Angeles, which has won six straight postseason games and is halfway to its third straight trip to the Western Conference finals.

Patrick Maroon scored

a power-play goal and Jonas Hiller stopped 14 shots for the Ducks, who couldn't crack the Kings' NHL-best defense despite controlling play for long stretches.

Game 3 is Thursday at Staples Center. □

## Ex-boxing champion Jimmy Ellis dies



In this Feb. 16, 1970, file photo, a defeated Jimmy Ellis as shown in his dressing room after losing heavyweight title bout to Joe Frazier at New York's Madison Square Garden.

Associated Press

**LOUISVILLE, Kentucky (AP)** — Jimmy Ellis, a heavyweight champion who sparred with an up-and-coming Muhammad Ali and later fought some of the era's best boxers, died Tuesday. He was 74.

Ellis died at a Louisville hospital, brother Jerry Ellis said.

Jimmy Ellis had Alzheimer's disease in recent years.

Ellis, the son of a preacher who loved singing gospel music, held the WBA heavyweight title from 1968 to 1970. He lost to Joe Frazier in a fight to unify the world heavyweight championship in 1970. In

1971, Ellis was stopped by Ali in the 12th round. He retired in 1975.

Ali remembered his longtime friend as a "master in the ring."

"In the world of heavyweights, I have always thought that Jimmy was one of the best," Ali said in a statement in which he and his wife, Lonnie, expressed condolences.

Ali said his friendship with Ellis began as both rose through the ranks as amateurs in their hometown of Louisville.

"As a former champion, Jimmy was known for exceptional hand speed and a strong chin," Ali said. Both fighters fought under the tutelage of Angelo Dundee. The great trainer often said that Ellis packed more punch than he was given credit for, Ali recalled. But Ali said Ellis' greatest qualities were his

"gentle manner and the compassion in his heart."

"I had a kinship with Jimmy and felt like he and I were of the same cloth," Ali said.

"He was a great athlete and a caring man. Great competitors who happen to be great friends are rare. Jimmy Ellis was that to me and I will miss him."

Ellis defeated Jerry Quarry to win the WBA crown in 1968. It was at a time when Ali had been stripped of his heavyweight title for refusing induction into the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. Ellis defended the title by defeating Floyd Patterson before losing to Frazier.

After leaving boxing, Ellis spent years training fighters and later worked for the Louisville parks department.

Ellis was preceded in death by his wife, Mary. They had six children together. □



# Unheralded Thiem knocks Wawrinka from Madrid

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**AP Sports Writer**

**MADRID (AP)** — Austrian qualifier Dominic Thiem scored the biggest victory of his young career on Tuesday when he rallied for a 1-6, 6-2, 6-4 victory over third-ranked Stanislas Wawrinka at the Madrid Open.

The 20-year-old Thiem showed composure beyond his years in knocking the Australian Open champion out of the clay court event to reach the third round.

Thiem called on a thunderous array of baseline strokes and soft net touches to oust the third-seeded Wawrinka, who reached the final at Madrid's Magic Box tennis center last year. Thiem looked out of his depth as he struggled to find his rhythm early on Manolo Santana center court.

"I didn't have many matches against these top guys, so I wasn't really used to his pace. He had an unbelievable start and I didn't really know what happened," the 70th-ranked Thiem said. "I started to get used to more and more his pace and angles and his game. I played unbelievable the second and the third set." Wawrinka may have dropped his guard after the easy opening as Thiem pulled even after bombarding his opponent with powerful backhanders.



**Dominic Thiem from Austria returns the ball during a Madrid Open tennis tournament match against Stanislas Wawrinka from Switzerland, in Madrid, Spain, Tuesday, May 6, 2014.**

**Associated Press**

Wawrinka, coming off a clay court win in Monte Carlo, gathered himself for the final set — with both players holding serve until the 10th game when Thiem slapped another strong backhand across Wawrinka and down the line for 30-15. A gentle drop shot from Thiem following a long rally of groundstrokes set up match point on Wawrinka's serve. "I was in this famous 'zone' during the match. I was really unbelievable concentrated," said Thiem, who scored his first victory over a top-10 player on his third attempt.

Thiem converted his third break point to win the

match as Wawrinka sent his crosscourt backhand wide. "I had some chance in the third set (and) I should have played better when I had some opportunity," said Wawrinka, who slipped to his fourth defeat of 2014. "But I was hesitating with my game and he went for it and deserved it."

Wawrinka wasn't the only Swiss player to exit the tournament on Tuesday.

The exit of Wawrinka plus the withdrawals of Federer and second-ranked Novak Djokovic — to injury — give defending champion Rafael Nadal the perfect opportunity to rebound from his worst clay court run in a

decade.

The top-ranked Spaniard opens on Wednesday against Juan Monaco of Argentina.

The Spanish capital's elevated altitude proved to be a problem for fifth-ranked David Ferrer, who needed almost three hours to dispatch Spanish countryman Albert Ramos 7-6 (6), 5-7, 6-3.

Ferrer appeared frustrated for much of his match, mumbling to himself and his entourage nearby before eventually coming through to win.

"You say things when you're nervous in the match that you don't have

a feel for. You can write a book about a match," said Ferrer, before pointing to the effect of Madrid's thinner air on the ball. "The first day is not easy. You miss more, but that's all."

On the women's side, Maria Sharapova avoided an early exit after rallying to beat 56th-ranked American Christina McHale 6-1, 4-6, 6-4 while Li Na continued her dominance of Zheng Jie with a 6-2, 6-3 win. Second-ranked Li hasn't lost to her Chinese countrywoman since 2006. Trailing 4-1 in the final set, Sharapova steadied her erratic service game and took command, eventually firing an ace down the middle to eliminate McHale for the second year running.

"After a really good start (in Madrid) I didn't keep that level. I think I had a bit of a letdown," said 2013 finalist Sharapova, who is coming off a tournament victory in Stuttgart.

Sharapova goes on to play Samantha Stosur and No. 2 seed Li faces Sloane Stephens in the third round. Former champion Petra Kvitová also advanced with a win on Tuesday.

Also, Fabio Fognini's recent struggles on Spanish clay continued as the 13th-seeded Italian lost 7-5, 4-6, 6-3 to Ukraine's Alexandr Dolgoplov. Fognini failed to get out of the second round at Barcelona last month. □



**In this March 16, 2014 file photo, Roger Federer of Switzerland wipes his face during the BNP Paribas Open tennis tournament in Indian Wells, Calif.**

**Associated Press.**

**MADRID (AP)** — Roger Federer withdrew from the

Madrid Open on Tuesday to welcome the birth of his

## Federer withdraws from Madrid as new twins born

second set of twins.

Federer said on his web-page early Tuesday he was pulling out of the tournament "to be with my wife Mirka during these next few exciting weeks for our family." The fourth-ranked Swiss player, who already has twins, said he would "rejoin the tour soon."

Later, Federer tweeted: "Mirka and I are so incredibly happy to share that Leo and Lenny were born

this evening! #TwinsAgain #Miracle"

Federer and his wife Mirka are already parents to twin daughters.

Federer had said last month he was prepared to skip tournaments to be with his wife when she gave birth. The 32-year-old Federer did not specify if he would return for the Rome Masters next week, with the French Open beginning on May 25. Federer, a three-time winner in Madrid, hasn't

missed a Grand Slam tournament since 2000.

Federer's 28-5 record on the season is the ATP's best, with the former No. 1 having won a title in Dubai.

Polish player Lukasz Kubot took Federer's place in the Madrid draw, and will face Gilles Simon of France in a second-round match.

Second-ranked Novak Djokovic also withdrew from Madrid because of a long-term wrist injury. □



# Facebook plans campaign to 'friend' small business

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — Facebook wants to increase its advertising and get more clicks on all kinds of ads. It believes tapping into the lucrative small business market will help it achieve those goals.

Sheryl Sandberg, the social media company's operating chief and "Lean In" author, says the key is showing business owners how to find new customers by creating Facebook pages and by buying ads that appear on individual Facebook users' pages. The company plans a campaign called Facebook Fit with workshops in five cities to show small business owners the nuts and bolts of using Facebook as a marketing tool. "They don't have enough customers. This is their No. 1 problem and we can help them solve it," Sandberg said in an interview with The Associated Press.

The small business market has been difficult to crack for digital companies like Facebook and Google, said Greg Sterling, an analyst with the mobile technology research service Internet2Go. Many owners with Facebook pages are reluctant to advertise, limiting the revenue the company can make from small businesses.

"Many of them are struggling just to provide regular content updates or to un-

derstand how to use social media, let alone become masters of social media advertising," Sterling said. Meanwhile, Facebook needs to get more small business advertising to stay competitive with Google, said Debra Aho Williamson, an analyst with eMarketer, a digital research company. "They need to be sure they're seen as a strong partner to small business owners," she said.

Facebook has updated its technology to make it easier for business owners to use, Sandberg said. The company is targeting those who don't have the time to sit down at a desktop PC and update pages or ads. "Now they're able to manage their pages from a mobile phone. Two years ago, they couldn't," Sandberg said. Facebook says it is used by 25 million small business users worldwide. The company does not report the number of businesses in the U.S. or any other country.

Many very small companies that don't have websites use social media services like Facebook to reach customers. When a Facebook user "likes" a company's page, that customer's Facebook friends see posts on their own pages about the company. Businesses can also buy ads that appear on individual Facebook pages.

Facebook is also creating



In this Sept. 24, 2013, file photo, Sheryl Sandberg, the Chief Operating Officer of Facebook, speaks at the Clinton Global Initiative in New York.

Associated Press

small business advertising products Sandberg said will be affordable. For example, companies will be able to spend \$10 to promote a post on other Facebook pages, something they were unable to do in the past. Facebook pages will remain free.

"We're hoping they'll want to become advertisers if we can help them just spend a few dollars to help them promote a product," Sandberg said.

Facebook is in a good position to get more revenue from small businesses simply because so many of them already use it. But the company must still convince them ads are a good investment.

"They have to make it really simple, affordable,

measurable — a small business owner has to be convinced of the success and efficacy of the ad campaign," Sterling said.

Facebook has held work-

shops for small businesses in cities and towns across the country the past two years, often in partnership with local chambers of commerce and business groups, said Dan Levy, Facebook's director of small business. Workshops are planned as part of Facebook Fit in New York on June 3; Miami on June 19; Chicago on July 10; Austin, Texas, on July 24; and Menlo Park, California, on Aug. 5. Software maker Intuit, payment processor Square and online legal services company LegalZoom will also take part. Registration is required for attendees. Information is available at <http://fb.me/fit>. More information about Facebook's business products can be found at [www.facebook.com/business](http://www.facebook.com/business). □

## Intel, PC makers broaden support for Chromebooks

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**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** —

Another wave of laptop computers running on Google's Chrome operating system will be hitting stores this summer in the latest challenge to Microsoft's dominant Windows franchise. The latest line of Chromebooks unveiled Tuesday run on a new generation of faster Intel microprocessors that don't de-

velop as much battery power. The machines will be shipped by major personal computer makers such as Lenovo Group, Acer, Dell, ASUS and Toshiba. They will sell for \$300 to \$400.

The widening selection of Chromebooks reflects the building momentum for Google Inc.'s attempt to create a compelling alternative to Windows-powered machines and Apple Inc.'s Mac computers. □

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## China's Alibaba Group aiming to raise \$1B in IPO

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** — China's Alibaba Group is aiming to raise \$1 billion in a long-awaited IPO likely to have ripple effects across the Internet. Tuesday's filing sets the stage for the technology industry's biggest initial public offering since short messaging service Twitter and its early investors collected \$1.8 billion in its stock market debut last fall. Alibaba could still try to raise more money and even surpass the \$16 billion that Facebook did two years ago, depending on investor demand for its stock.

For now, Alibaba isn't specifying how much stock will be sold in the IPO or setting a price range. Those details will emerge as the IPO progresses, a process is likely to take three to four months to complete before Alibaba's shares begin trading on the New York Stock Exchange.

Although it's not nearly as well-known as Facebook, Alibaba has emerged as an e-commerce powerhouse that has been making more money than Amazon.com Inc. and eBay Inc. combined. What's more, the company is still growing at a rapid clip as its network of online services, including Taobao, Tmall and Alipay, mine a Chinese Internet market that already has twice as many Web surfers as the U.S.

The IPO is expected to provide Alibaba with the financial firepower to expand into other markets, including the U.S. Signaling its intent to extend its reach, Alibaba recently bought digital mapping service AutoNavi Holdings Ltd. for \$1.5 billion and acquired a 16.5 percent stake in video website Youku Tudou in a \$1.2 billion deal. Alibaba also just invested \$215 million in Silicon Valley startup Tango to gain a toehold in the mobile messaging market. Alibaba's success has provided a financial crutch for Yahoo Inc., whose 24 percent stake in the Chinese company is the main reason that its own stock price has more than doubled during the past two years. □

## Stocks drop on mixed earnings; Twitter plunges

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — U.S. stocks fell broadly on Tuesday as investors found little to cheer in corporate earnings reports. A plunge in Twitter led Internet companies sharply lower. Twitter dropped 18 percent after company insiders were allowed to sell

of weakness in the housing market. Jack Ablin, chief investment officer of BMO Private bank, says investors are worried that corporate results over the next few quarters will not justify the surge in prices from the start of 2013.

"We ran ahead of fundamental valuations, based on revenue and earnings,"

escape the selling. They slipped 0.5 percent.

The drop in the S&P 500 and the Dow Jones index was the third in four trading days, and comes despite recent upbeat news on the U.S. economy. Payrolls increased by 288,000 last month, the fastest pace since 2012. Steven Ricchiuto, chief economist of

have increased earnings by 2.6 percent in the first quarter, according to S&P Capital IQ, a data provider. That is down sharply from the nearly 8 percent jump in the fourth quarter. U.S. home prices rose at a slightly slower pace in the 12 months that ended in March, according to data provider CoreLogic. It was another sign that weak sales, caused in part by rising mortgage rates, have begun to restrain the housing market's sharp price gains.

Home builder stocks fell broadly. Ryland Group fell \$1.08, or nearly 3 percent, to \$37.68. D.R. Horton fell 55 cents, or nearly 3 percent, to \$22.43.

American International Group fell \$2.18, or 4 percent, to \$50.54. The company reported revenue that was below what investors expected due to higher catastrophe losses and lower investment income. Investors were also keeping an eye on the turmoil in Ukraine. In the city of Donetsk, pro-Russia militants armed with automatic rifles and grenade launchers surrounded an Interior Ministry base. And a planned weekend referendum by pro-Russian insurgents for autonomy and independence in parts of eastern Ukraine was denounced as "bogus" by the Obama administration. U.S. government bond prices rose slightly. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note fell to 2.59 percent from 2.61 percent Monday. The yield has fallen from 3 percent at the start of January. □



Traders Sal Suarino, center, and Neil Cantania, right, confer on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. U.S. stocks fell broadly on Tuesday as investors found little to cheer in corporate earnings reports. (AP Photo/Richard Drew)

stock for the first time since the initial public offering last year. Netflix fell 5 percent, Facebook and Amazon, 4 percent each, and Google, 2 percent.

Nine of the ten industry groups in the Standard and Poor's 500 fell, led by a 1.4 percent drop in financial companies after results for insurer American International Group fell short of analysts' expectations. Home builder stocks dropped after more signs

Ablin said. "Either revenue or earnings have to catch up to the market, or prices have to come down."

The S&P 500 dropped 16.94 points, or 0.9 percent, to 1,867.72. The Dow Jones industrial average fell 129.53 points, or 0.8 percent, to 16,401.02. The Nasdaq composite dropped 57.30 points, or 1.4 percent, to 4,080.76.

Even utilities — the biggest winners so far this year, up 12 percent — did not

Mizuho Securities, noted that, for all the job gains, wages for U.S. workers have not increased significantly, and that is holding back consumer spending. "People are getting weary of the 'things-are-getting-better' story," said Steven Ricchiuto, chief economist of Mizuho Securities. "We're hiring more workers, but we're not paying them more."

Companies in the S&P 500 index are expected to

## Disney 2Q earnings beat Street, helped by 'Frozen'

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**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Disney on Tuesday posted second-quarter earnings that beat Wall Street forecasts, helped by the home video sales of blockbuster movies "Frozen" and "Thor: The Dark World."

Net income in the three months through March jumped 27 percent to \$1.92 billion, or \$1.08 per share, from \$1.51 billion, or

83 cents per share, in the same period a year ago.

Excluding charges for foreign exchange losses and restructuring, adjusted earnings came to \$1.11 per share, beating the 96 cents expected by analysts polled by FactSet.

Revenue grew 10 percent to \$11.65 billion, trumping the \$11.25 billion analysts expected.

The biggest surprise was the strength of the movie

studio, which saw revenue increase by 35 percent to \$1.8 billion and operating income more than double to \$475 million.

"It was a good clean beat from the studio," said Brett Harriss, an analyst with Gabelli & Co. "All the other divisions were solid."

Revenue from its TV business rose 4 percent to \$5.13 billion and operating income rose 15 percent to \$2.13 billion. The company

said audience ratings were down at both ESPN and ABC, but it got higher prices for commercial time. Harriss took that as a "bullish" sign for future advertising sales.

Shares of Burbank, California-based The Walt Disney Co. rose 28 cents to \$81.31 in after-hours trading following the earnings release. Earlier, shares fell 19 cents to close the regular session at \$81.03. □



# Fiat Chrysler reveals plans to grow sales by 2018

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AP Auto Writer

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(AP) — The combined Fiat Chrysler Automobiles is counting on expanding sales at Jeep, Alfa-Romeo and Maserati, a revival of the Chrysler brand, and some new vehicles to place it firmly in the top ranks of global automak-

ers.

Italian automaker Fiat SpA and Chrysler Group, which formed a partnership five years ago and officially combined when Fiat finished buying Chrysler in January, jointly presented their future sales targets and product plans Tuesday in a day-long meeting at Chrysler's Michigan

headquarters.

There are many new products, including a full lineup of cars from Alfa-Romeo, as well as some victims. Jeep is ditching the Compass and Patriot small SUVs in favor of a new compact SUV that will come out in 2016.

And to entice consumers to buy more Chryslers,

the company must end its internal rivalry with the Dodge brand. So, after nearly 30 years on the market, the Dodge Grand Caravan minivan will be killed off in an effort to focus Dodge on performance cars and boost sales of the Chrysler Town and Country.

While the company won't

officially be known as Fiat Chrysler Automobiles until a Fiat shareholders meeting this summer, the 400 analysts, media and other attendees at Tuesday's event were welcomed by a sign with the new company name at the entrance to Chrysler's sprawling campus north of Detroit. □

# Office Depot plans to close at least 400 US stores

BOCA RATON, Fla. (AP) —

Office Depot is planning to close at least 400 U.S. stores, as its merger with OfficeMax resulted in an overlap of retail locations that can be consolidated. The combined company's financial results beat Wall Street estimates for the January-March quarter and it raised its full year forecast for operating income on Tuesday.

Its shares jumped 17 percent in morning trading.

The office supply retailer had 1,900 stores in the U.S. at the end of the first quarter, so the plans call for closing about 21 percent of them. Office Depot and OfficeMax Inc. completed their \$1.2 billion deal last November. Office Depot said it has not quantified the number of jobs that will be affected by the store closures but that it will look to place its best talent impacted by the store closings into new roles, wherever possible.

Chairman and CEO Ro-

land Smith said in a statement that one of the company's goals this year was to improve how its stores are positioned in North America to meet customer demand better and ensure that it's well positioned in the markets it serves.

"The overlapping retail footprint resulting from the merger provides us with a unique opportunity to consolidate and optimize our store portfolio, while maintaining the retail presence necessary to serve our customer," Smith said.

Office Depot said Tuesday that it expects to close 150 U.S. stores this year, mostly in the fourth quarter. It closed 14 stores in the first quarter, a company spokeswoman said.

All of the store closures are anticipated to occur by the end of 2016.

The store closings are expected to result in at least \$75 million in annual savings by 2016's end and add to earnings starting next year. Office Depot,

which is based in Boca Raton, Florida, said that it's still trying to determine expected working capital savings and costs related to the store closings.

The company also reported its first-quarter financial

results on Tuesday, which include results from OfficeMax. The year-ago results do not include OfficeMax. For the period ended March 29, Office Depot lost \$109 million, or 21 cents per share. In the prior-year pe-

riod it lost \$17 million, or 6 cents per share. Removing merger-related expenses and other items, earnings were 7 cents per share. Analysts surveyed by FactSet expected earnings of 3 cents per share. □



This photo shows the exterior of an Office Max store in Chicago. Office Depot is planning to close at least 400 U.S. stores, as its merger with OfficeMax resulted in an overlap of retail locations that can be consolidated. (AP Photo/Charles Rex Arbogast)

# Bayer to buy Merck consumer business for \$14.2B

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TRENTON, N.J. (AP) —

Germany's Bayer plans to buy U.S.-based Merck & Co.'s consumer health business, creating a combined medicine cabinet of household names from Bayer's aspirin to Merck's Claritin allergy pills.

The \$14.2 billion deal announced Tuesday would vault Bayer AG atop the nonprescription medicine business across North and Latin America. It would make Bayer No. 1 worldwide in skin and gastrointestinal products, a strong

No. 2 in the huge cold and allergy category, and No. 3 in pain relievers.

"We are combining two highly complementary businesses with virtually no overlap that will improve our product position over multiple categories," Marijn Dekkers, Bayer's CEO, said on a conference call with journalists.

Merck, widely considered the most research-driven U.S. pharmaceutical company, would divest a slow-growing business it inherited in 2009 when it bought Schering-Plough Corp. to get its experimental pre-

scription medicines.

Bayer, which invented aspirin more than a century ago, already has a major over-the-counter division whose brands include Aleve pain reliever, Alka-Seltzer and One-A-Day vitamins. It would add Merck's Claritin, the Coppertone sun-care line, Dr. Scholl's foot-care products and MiraLAX laxative.

The transaction is part of a recent surge in pharmaceutical industry deals. Some drugmakers are selling or swapping business segments to focus on areas where they have the

most expertise, marketing prowess and prospects for growth, as Merck is doing. Others, like Bayer, are making acquisitions to beef up their portfolios of products or experimental drugs to boost future sales.

Merck CEO Kenneth Frazier said in January that he was evaluating options for Merck's consumer and animal health businesses, both units without enough scale to grow quickly. On Tuesday, Merck said it would use the sale proceeds to invest in business areas with the highest growth potential and beef up its drug

pipeline with "external assets."

Merck is a different company than Merck KGaA, which is based in Darmstadt, Germany. The American company is known as MSD, for Merck, Sharp & Dohme, outside the U.S. and Canada.

The transaction, expected to close in the second half of 2014, requires regulatory approval. Bayer will borrow money to pay for the deal, which will bring it significant tax savings and about \$200 million in savings on marketing and production costs by 2017. □



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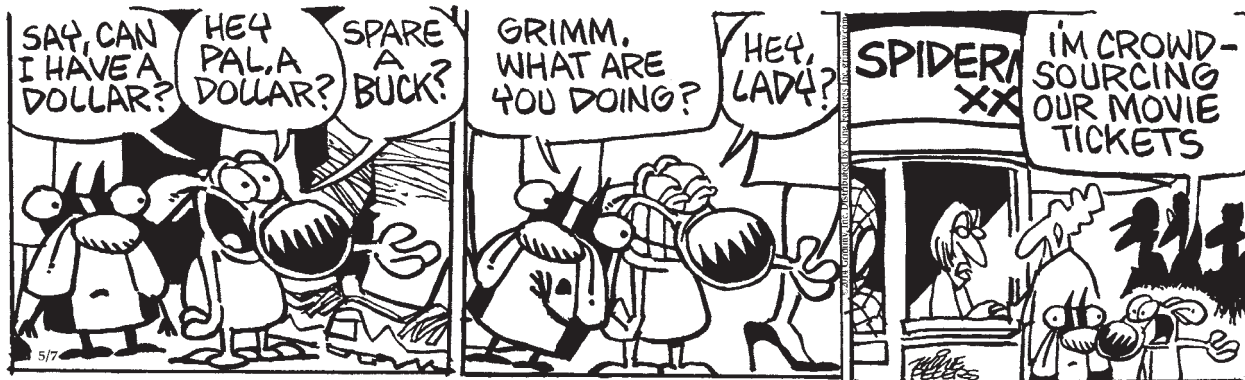
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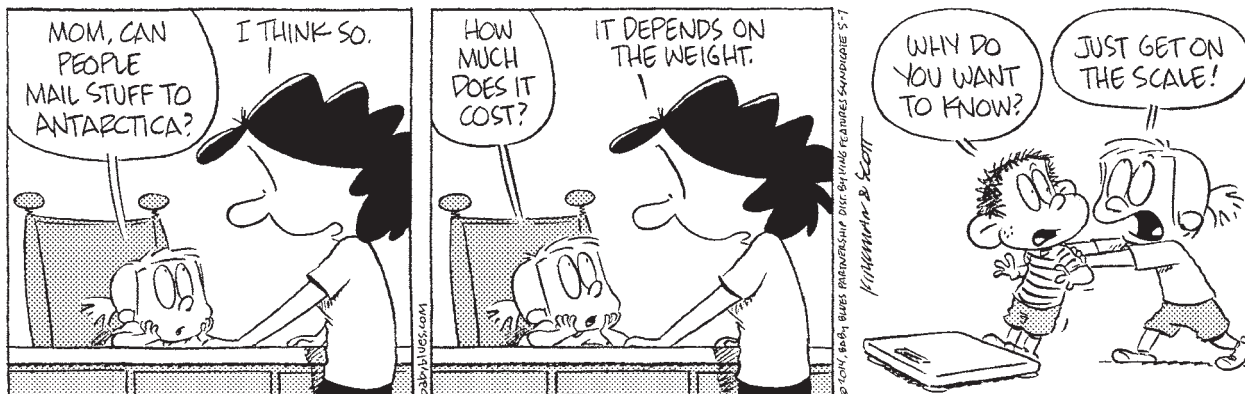
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## Zits



## Conceptis Sudoku

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Difficulty Level ★★★

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

2	6	9	4	1	5	3	8	7
1	5	3	2	8	7	9	6	4
8	7	4	6	9	3	1	5	2
7	4	1	8	3	6	5	2	9
5	9	8	1	7	2	4	3	6
3	2	6	5	4	9	7	1	8
4	3	2	9	5	8	6	7	1
9	8	5	7	6	1	2	4	3
6	1	7	3	2	4	8	9	5

## ACROSS

- 1 ... HST, DDE, JFK...
- 4 Home of logs
- 9 Clever trick
- 13 Peepers
- 15 In the know
- 16 Annoy
- 17 Cry
- 18 Harmon and Hamill
- 19 Foreboding sign
- 20 Messiest
- 22 Worn-out horses
- 23 Tight, as a rope
- 24 Haul
- 26 Free; without charge
- 29 Paper cutters
- 34 Nonconformist
- 35 Wright Bros.' invention
- 36 TV's Peeples
- 37 Enthusiastic
- 38 For the time ...; meanwhile
- 39 Percussion instrument
- 40 Piece of dorm furniture
- 41 Preach
- 42 High-IQ group
- 43 Pullman cars
- 45 Adorée and Zellweger
- 46 Supped
- 47 In ... of; as a substitute for
- 48 Derogatory remark
- 51 Singer Aguilera
- 56 Brass musical instrument
- 57 Lift and throw with effort
- 58 Bookish fellow
- 60 Rim
- 61 Gung ho
- 62 Water jug
- 63 Owner's paper
- 64 Toboggans
- 65 Utter

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## Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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ENTERED	BLASTED	
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ACTED	HER	BEANS
FEED	GET	RUSSET
TAN	TANTRUM	IRA
ESSAYS	LOB	ADDS
REELS	FEB	FRESH
	DONOR	GAB
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CHIN	IDAHO	TOGO
TENT	LUCID	ERGO
SAGE	SPECS	REST

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- 2 Prepares
- 3 Rod and ...; fishing gear
- 4 School grounds
- 5 Look for expectantly
- 6 Unclothed
- 7 Vexes
- 8 Very young bird
- 9 Fork tines
- 10 Peru's capital
- 11 Designer ...
- 12 Cravings
- 14 Noticed
- 21 Bucket
- 25 Do drugs
- 26 Snatches
- 27 ... in; enjoy
- 28 Cannot ...; detests
- 29 Narrow cuts
- 30 Walking stick
- 31 Go one ... with; play directly against
- 32 Hose down
- 33 Long stories

## DOWN

- 1 Some, but not many

- 35 Bosc or Bartlett
- 38 Pants
- 39 Authentic
- 41 Make a choice
- 42 Encounter
- 44 Worked for
- 45 Staircase parts
- 47 ... in; inhabited
- 48 Get rid of
- 49 Ore deposit
- 50 Encourage
- 52 Cure
- 53 Hit the ceiling
- 54 Latest info
- 55 ... code; part of a telephone number
- 59 Arid



# Vatican: 848 priests defrocked for abuse since '04

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Only in 2010 did the Vatican explicitly tell bishops and superiors to also report credible cases to police where local reporting laws require them to.

The Vatican statistics are notable in that they show how the peaks in numbers over the years — both of cases reported and sanctions meted out — roughly parallels the years in which abuse scandals were in the news. And they showed that far from diminishing in recent years, the number of cases reported annually to the Vatican has remained a fairly constant 400 or so since 2010, the last year the scandal erupted in public around the globe. These cases, however, concern mostly abuse that occurred decades ago.

The Associated Press reported in January that then-Pope Benedict XVI had defrocked 384 priests in the final two years of his pontificate, citing documentation that Tomasi's delegation had prepared for another U.N. hearing monitoring a treaty on the rights of children.

Tomasi told the AP on Tuesday that the January figures were "incomplete" and that the data he provided to the U.N. committee Tuesday was the first ever comprehensive year-by-year breakdown of cases reported and adjudicated. The figures, however, only cover cases handled directly by the Holy See, not those handled by local diocesan tribunals, meaning the total number of sanctioned priests is likely far higher.

The data showed that since 2004, the Vatican had received some 3,400 cases, had defrocked 848 priests and sanctioned another 2,572 to lesser penalties.

The latest spike began in 2010, when 464 cases were reported, more than twice the amount in 2009. Starting in that same year, the Vatican began resorting more and more to the lesser penalty of sentenc-

ing accused priests to a lifetime of penance and prayer rather than defrocking them. The Vatican often metes out such sentences for elderly or infirm priests, since defrocking them would essentially render them destitute in their final years. Prior to 2010, these lesser sanctions were only handed out to about 100 or so priests each year.

Tomassi stressed the lesser sanctions still amounted to punishment and the abuser was "put in a place where

he doesn't have any contact with the children."

The main U.S. victim's group, SNAP, praised the Vatican for releasing the data, saying "Every step toward more transparency about clergy sex crimes and coverups is good." But it called the numbers "meaningless" and urged the Vatican to release the names and whereabouts of molesters.

Nick Cafardi, a U.S. canon lawyer and former chairman of the U.S. bishops' lay review board that moni-

tored clerical abuse, said the statistics clearly showed a positive evolution in how the church dealt with the abuse problem.

"Given where the church came from — with the pendulum swung squarely to the side of the accused priest whose explanations were almost always believed — this is a move away from that and more toward giving credibility to victims, which is progress," he said. "Maybe not perfect progress, but progress."

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# Israeli says he has found King David's citadel

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**Associated Press**

**JERUSALEM (AP)** — An Israeli archaeologist says he has found the legendary citadel captured by King David in his conquest of Jerusalem, rekindling a long-standing debate about using the Bible as a field guide to identifying ancient ruins. The claim by Eli Shukron, like many such claims in the field of biblical archaeology, has run into criticism. It joins a string of announcements by Israeli archaeologists saying they have unearthed palaces of the legendary biblical king, who is revered in Jewish religious tradition for establishing Jerusalem as its central holy city — but who has long eluded historians looking for clear-cut evidence of his existence and reign. The present-day Israeli-Palestinian conflict is also wrapped up in the subject. The \$10 million excavation, made accessible to tourists last month, took place in an Arab neighborhood of Jerusalem and was financed by an organization that settles Jews in guarded homes in Arab areas of east Jerusalem in an attempt to prevent the city from being divided. The Palestinians claim east Jerusalem, captured by Israel in 1967, as the capital of a future independent state. Shukron, who excavated at the City of David archaeological site for nearly two



**In this Thursday, May 1, 2014, photo, Eli Shukron, an archeologist formerly with Israel's Antiquities Authority, walks in the City of David archaeological site near Jerusalem's Old City.**

**Associated Press**

decades, says he believes strong evidence supports his theory.

"This is the citadel of King David, this is the Citadel of Zion, and this is what King David took from the Jebusites," said Shukron, who said he recently left Israel's Antiquities Authority to work as a lecturer and tour guide. "The whole site we can compare to the Bible perfectly."

Most archaeologists in Israel do not dispute that King David was a historical figure, and a written reference to the "House of David" was found in an archaeological site in northern Israel. But archaeologists are divided on identifying Davidic sites in Jerusalem, which he is said to have made his capital. Shukron's dig, which began in 1995, uncovered a massive fortification of five-ton stones stacked 21 feet

(6 meters) wide. Pottery shards helped date the fortification walls to be 3,800 years old. They are the largest walls found in the region from before the time of King Herod, the ambitious builder who expanded the Second Jewish Temple complex in Jerusalem almost 2,100 years ago. The fortification surrounded a water spring and is thought to have protected the ancient city's water source. The fortification was built 800 years before King David would have captured it from its Jebusite rulers. Shukron says the biblical story of David's conquest of Jerusalem provides clues that point to this particular fortification as David's entry point into the city. In the second Book of Samuel, David orders the capture of the walled city by entering it through the water shaft. Shukron's excavation uncovered a narrow shaft where spring water flowed into a carved pool, thought to be where city inhabitants would gather to draw water. Excess water would have flowed out of the walled city through

another section of the shaft Shukron said he discovered — where he believes the city was penetrated.

Shukron says no other structure in the area of ancient Jerusalem matches what David would have captured to take the city. The biblical account names it the "Citadel of David" and the "Citadel of Zion."

Ronny Reich, who was Shukron's collaborator at the site until 2008, disagrees with the theory. He said more broken pottery found from the 10th century BC, presumably King David's reign, should have been found if the fortification had been in use then.

Shukron said he only found two shards that date close to that time. He believes the reason he didn't find more is because the site was in continuous use and old pottery would have been cleared out by David's successors. Much larger quantities of shards found at the site date to about 100 years after King David's reign.

Reich said it was not possible to reach definitive conclusions about biblical connections without more direct archaeological evidence.

"The connection between archaeology and the Bible has become very, very problematic in recent years," Reich said.

Critics say that some archaeologists are too eager to hold a spade in one hand and a Bible in the other in a quest to verify the biblical narrative — either due to religious beliefs or to prove the Jewish people's historic ties to the land. But other respected Israeli archaeologists say recent finds match the biblical ac-

count more than naysayers claim.

Shukron, a veteran archaeologist who has excavated a number of significant sites in Jerusalem, said he drew his conclusions after nearly two decades exploring the ancient city.

"I know every little thing in the City of David. I didn't see in any other place such a huge fortification as this," said Shukron.

The biblical connection to the site is emphasized at the City of David archaeological park, where the "Spring Citadel" — the excavation's official name — has been retrofitted for tourists, including a movie projected on a screen in front of the fortification to illustrate how it may have looked 3,800 years ago. The City of David — located in east Jerusalem — is one of the most popular tourist sites in the holy city, with 500,000 tourists visiting last year.

"We open the Bible and we see how the archaeology and the Bible actually come together in this place," said Doron Spielman, vice president of the nonprofit Elad Foundation, which oversees the archaeological park. He carried a softcover Bible in his hand as he ambled around the excavation.

The site has come under criticism because of the Elad Foundation's nationalistic agenda. Most of the foundation's funding comes from private donations from Jews in the U.S. and U.K., and its activities include purchasing Arab homes near the excavated areas and then helping Jews move in, sometimes under heavy guard. □



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# Ben Bernanke book scheduled for next year

HILLEL ITALIE

AP National Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Ben Bernanke, the former chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, has a book deal.

Bernanke's agreement is with publisher W.W. Norton & Co. for a book that will cover his years at the Fed and his response to the economic crisis. Norton told The Associated Press on Tuesday that the book, currently untitled, is scheduled for 2015.

Bernanke, 60, served on the Fed from 2002 until this year. He was appointed to two four-year terms as chairman, starting in 2006, and was succeeded by Janet Yellen.

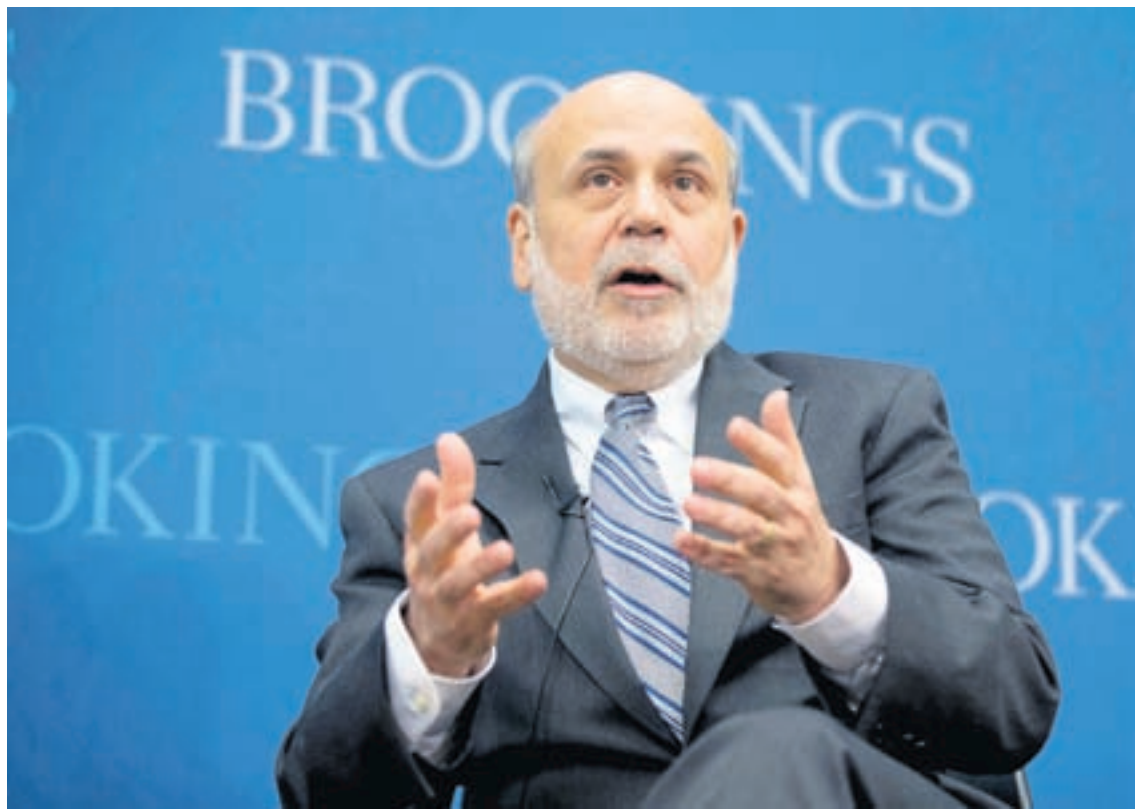
Norton president and chairman W. Drake McFeely said Bernanke, as Fed chairman and a leading economic historian, "has had an unequaled perspective on the American economy since 2006."

"For the first time, he will be recounting his experience in the troubling

days of 2007 and 2008 as the world banking system seemed close to collapse, and then how, with an increasingly dysfunctional Congress preventing any significant fiscal policy options, it fell mainly to the Federal Reserve and to the Fed's monetary policy to fight and remedy the biggest economic downturn since the Great Depression," McFeely said in a statement.

Financial terms were not disclosed for the book, which was the object of a multiday auction among rival publishers. Bernanke was represented by Washington attorney Robert Barnett, who brokered a seven-figure deal for Bernanke's predecessor, Alan Greenspan.

Bernanke was subject to criticism from both major political parties while at the Fed, with liberals believing he could have done more to fight unemployment and conservatives alleging he worried too little



This Jan. 16, 2014 file photo shows outgoing Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke speaking at the Brookings Institution in Washington.

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about inflation. At Norton, an employee-owned publisher with a long history of releasing books by authors from the left, his fellow writ-

ers will include two of the world's most prominent liberal economists, Nobel Prize winners Paul Krugman and Joseph Stiglitz.

Norton also publishes Michael Lewis, who has written a handful of best-sellers critical of Wall Street, most recently "Flash Boys." □

# Rushdie, Pussy Riot featured at literary gala

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — On a night championing free expression and featuring speeches by Salman Rushdie, Toni Morrison and two members of the Russian protest group Pussy Riot, no one moved the audience more than the daughter of an imprisoned Chinese dissident.

Jewher Ulham, daughter of Ilham Tohti, spoke with emotion, firmness and acknowledged nervousness Monday at the annual gala of PEN American Center. She accepted the PEN/Barbara Goldsmith of Expression Award on behalf of her father, a scholar arrested in January and charged with inciting separation among China's ethnic Uighurs.

The only weapon her father had wielded was "words —

spoken, written, distributed and posted," Ulham, a student at Indiana University, told hundreds assembled at the American Museum of Natural History, including Rushdie, Morrison, Robert Caro and Martin Amis.

"This is all he has ever had at his disposal and all that he has ever needed. And this is what China finds so threatening."

Twitter CEO Dick Costolo was given the inaugural Digital Freedom Award and Maria Alyokhina and Nadya Tolokonnikova of Pussy Riot spoke briefly, calling for attendees to send books to political prisoners.

The gala capped PEN's weeklong World Voices Festival of International Literature, featuring writers and artists from 78 countries. It was a night to be

honored and a gathering of kindred spirits for Rushdie, who once lived in hiding for fear of being assassinated by agents of the Iranian government, who had called for his death after the alleged blasphemy of "The Satanic Verses." He is a former president of PEN American Center, the literary human rights organization, and he founded the World Voices festival in 2005. Introduced by Morrison as a "legend," with such longtime friends as Amis and Paul Auster in the audience, Rushdie received PEN's Literary Service Award.

Rushdie said he was especially drawn to two fictional characters whom he believed best symbolized creativity and courage — Scheherazade of "One Thousand and One Nights,"



In this Jan. 29, 2013, file photo, author Salman Rushdie attends a promotional event of "Midnight's Children" in Mumbai, India.

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who saves her life through storytelling, and Alice of "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland," who stands up to the wicked Queen of Hearts.

"I think about Alice and Scheherazade a lot," said Rushdie, who thanked PEN for its support during his years underground.

After the gala, PEN announced long-lists for several literary awards, with nominees including Jonathan Franzen's "The Kraus Project" for a \$10,000 prize for best book of essays and Megan Marshall's Pulitzer Prize-winning "Margaret Fuller" for a \$5,000 biography award. □



# Programming vet guiding changes at MTV

**DAVID BAUDER**

**AP Television Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — When the creative minds at MTV get together, Susanne Daniels must seem like the adult in the room.

It's not like she's chaperoning spring break. But MTV has always seemed as much a state of mind as a television network, a place known best for Osbournes, jackasses and carefree Jersey beach house dwellers. Now MTV is maturing into a more traditional television network with a broad mix of scripted and reality programming and, in Daniels, has a seasoned television executive in charge of content. Since starting in the business as Lorne Michaels' assistant, Daniels has worked at ABC, Fox, Lifetime, OWN and — most important for MTV — the former WB network during the glory years of "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" and "Dawson's Creek."

Daniels' work developing scripted shows, never an MTV priority before "Teen Wolf," is bearing fruit with the just-premiered comedy "Faking It" and the upcoming family drama "Finding Carter."

A desire to expand scripted offerings was a key



This April 24, 2014 file photo shows, from left, Chrissy Teigen of MTV's "Snack Off", CEO of Viacom Philippe Dauman, President of Programming for MTV Susanne Daniels, COO of Viacom Tom Dooley, Victoria Justice of MTV's "Eye Candy" and Gregg Sulkin of MTV's "Faking It" during the 2014 MTV Upfront Presentation in New York.

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factor in Daniels' hiring as head of programming in 2012, said Stephen Friedman, MTV president.

"Susanne brings a gravitas in terms of bringing out a story, whether it's in our reality shows or scripted programming, that pushes the team to a new level," he said. Her contacts are as important as her judgment; Daniels' presence is convincing storytellers that might not have previously considered MTV that the network is serious about finding comedies and dra-

mas. Daniels is beyond the age of MTV's target viewer (most adults are), but she and her television producer-husband Greg Daniels have a test audience of three teenagers at home.

"The irony is that at Lifetime and OWN I was supervising programming for people like myself — women 25 to 54 — and I wasn't having nearly as much fun," she said. "Finding Carter" is a potential game-changer. The show, which begins in July, features a 16-year-old girl who learns that the

woman she thought was her mother abducted her at age 3, and is suddenly sent to live with a mother, father, twin sister and little brother she doesn't know. The promising pilot moves quickly beyond that intriguing premise to add all sorts of complications.

"What if the family you think is your family is not your family?" Daniels said. "That is the ultimate drama for a teenager."

The success of shows like "The Walking Dead" and "Game of Thrones" indicates that shows that seem to have nerd appeal can be broad successes, and young audiences can appreciate intricate, involved plotlines, Friedman said. To that end, MTV has optioned the fantasy book series "Shannara" for a series, signing the creators of "Smallville" to adapt it.

MTV relentlessly monitors the tastes of its target audience since it is faced with the constant pressure of appealing to a young demographic that constantly turns over. One surprise — so much so that Daniels asked to recheck the figures — was that many teenagers said they liked procedurals like "Law & Order." Applying that knowledge to

MTV's development began "Eye Candy," a series on order that follows a group of hackers that turn into a New York cyber police unit. A cop show on MTV? How CBS. Some of the ideas in MTV's pipeline will feel familiar to an avid TV watcher. "Snack Off," a game where contestants try to create an appetizing meal out of lousy snack food, feels like something off the Food Network. "Sled-necks," about a group of rowdy young people, is set in Alaska, which now seems to have as many reality shows as citizens.

Daniels said she won't be scared from ideas just because they recall others. "I'll never not do a show about Alaska if there are all these shows about Alaska, if I think I have the best show about Alaska," she said. MTV's ratings have slipped recently. So far this year, the network is averaging 802,000 viewers in prime time, 361,000 in the target demographic of 18-to-34-year-olds, the Nielsen company said. The network has dropped three straight years since hitting 1.3 million viewers and 668,000 in the young demo during the same time period in 2011. □



Coldplay performs at the Beacon Theatre on Monday, May 5, 2014, in New York.

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**AP Music Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Coldplay dedicated its slow tempo tune "Fix You" to Mick Jagger at a concert

in New York City.

Chris Martin told the crowd Monday before singing the encouraging song about recovering, "It's for Mick Jagger."

## Coldplay dedicates song to Jagger at NYC concert

Jagger's longtime girlfriend, fashion designer L'Wren Scott, committed suicide in March. A memorial was held in New York last week.

Martin doesn't quite have Jagger's moves, but the singer danced wildly on-stage with his arms swinging as he sang tunes from the band's catalog, including songs from their new album "Ghost Stories," out May 19.

He played the piano and guitar throughout the hour-long set at the Beacon Theatre, performing well-known hits like "Speed of Sound," "Clocks," and "Viva la Vida" as colorful

laser lights beamed and white stars hung from the ceiling above the stage. Confetti burst from the sides of the stage after they performed the dance-flavored tunes "Every Tear-drop Is a Waterfall" and "A Sky Full of Stars."

Martin and Gwyneth Paltrow, who married in 2003, announced they were separating in March. While singing the song "Magic" — which features lyrics like "No I don't ... want anybody else than you" — one girl yelled: "Hang in there, Chris!" The British foursome closed the show with "True Love," which Martin asked the crowd not to film and

post on YouTube.

"(This) is the best song off our new album that no one has ever heard yet," he said. "Sometimes you have to keep these things to yourself."

He made a heart symbol with his hands after performing the tune, which included the lyrics, "Once upon a time I was yours, you were mine."

"Ghost Stories," the Grammy-winning group's sixth album, features production work from Paul Epworth, best known for producing and co-writing "Rolling In the Deep" and other tracks on Adele's colossal "21" album. □



## 'Bring Back Our Girls'



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Dozens of heavily armed terrorists rolled into the sleepy little town one night in a convoy of trucks, buses and vans. They made their way to the girls' boarding school.

The high school girls, asleep in their dormitory, awoke to gunfire. The attackers stormed the school, set it on fire, and, residents said, then herded several hundred terrified girls into the vehicles - and drove off and vanished.

That was April 15 in northern Nigeria. The girls were kidnapped by an extremist Muslim group called Boko Haram, whose name in the Hausa language means "Western education is a sin."

These girls, ages 15 to 18 and Christians and Muslims alike, knew the risks of seeking an education, and schools in the area had closed in March for fear of terror attacks. But this school had reopened so that the girls - the stars of their families and villages - could take their final exams. They were expected to move on to become teachers, doctors, lawyers.

Instead, they reportedly are being auctioned off for \$12 each to become "wives" of militants. About 50 girls escaped, but the police say that 276 are still missing - and the Nigerian government has done next to nothing to recover the girls.

"We are now asking for world power countries to intervene," the desperate father of a missing 18-year-old girl, Ayesha, told me by phone. He said that the parents had given up on Nigerian government officials - "they are just saying lies" - and pleaded for international pressure on Nigeria to rescue the girls.

The parents pursued the kidnapers, carrying bows and arrows to confront militants armed with AK-47s, but finally had to turn back. The father, who asked not to be named for fear of retribution, said that the parents are now praying to God for the United States and United Nations to help get their daughters back.

While there has been a major international search for the missing people on Malaysian flight MH370, and nonstop news coverage, there has been no meaningful search for the even greater number of missing schoolgirls.

I spoke by telephone with Secretary of State John Kerry, who is visiting Africa, and asked him

whether the United States can nudge Nigerian authorities to do more to find the girls.

"We're really pushing them ... about the situation with the girls," Kerry said. "Oh, God! Yes, absolutely." He described it as "not just an act of terrorism. It's a massive human trafficking moment and grotesque."

I asked whether the United States could use satellites or intelligence assets to try to locate the girls. "We're engaged and cooperating," he said, declining to discuss details.

Kerry also emphasized the broader effort to disrupt Boko Haram and its financial flows, while supporting the training of Nigerian authorities to respond to terror attacks without violating human rights. "We're upping the game with them," he said.

In hopes of viral pressure on Nigerian authorities to try to recover the girls, campaigns have started on the White House website, on Change.org and on Facebook to demand: "Bring Back Our Girls." All this may or may not help, but it's worth trying.

The attack in Nigeria is part of a global backlash against girls' education by extremists. The Pakistani Taliban shot Malala Yousufzai in the head at age 15 because she advocated for girls' education. Extremists threw acid in the faces of girls walking to school in Afghanistan. And in Nigeria, militants destroyed 50 schools last year alone.

If the girls aren't rescued, "no parent will allow their female child to go to school," Hadiza Bala Usman, who has led protests in Nigeria on behalf of the missing girls, warned in a telephone interview.

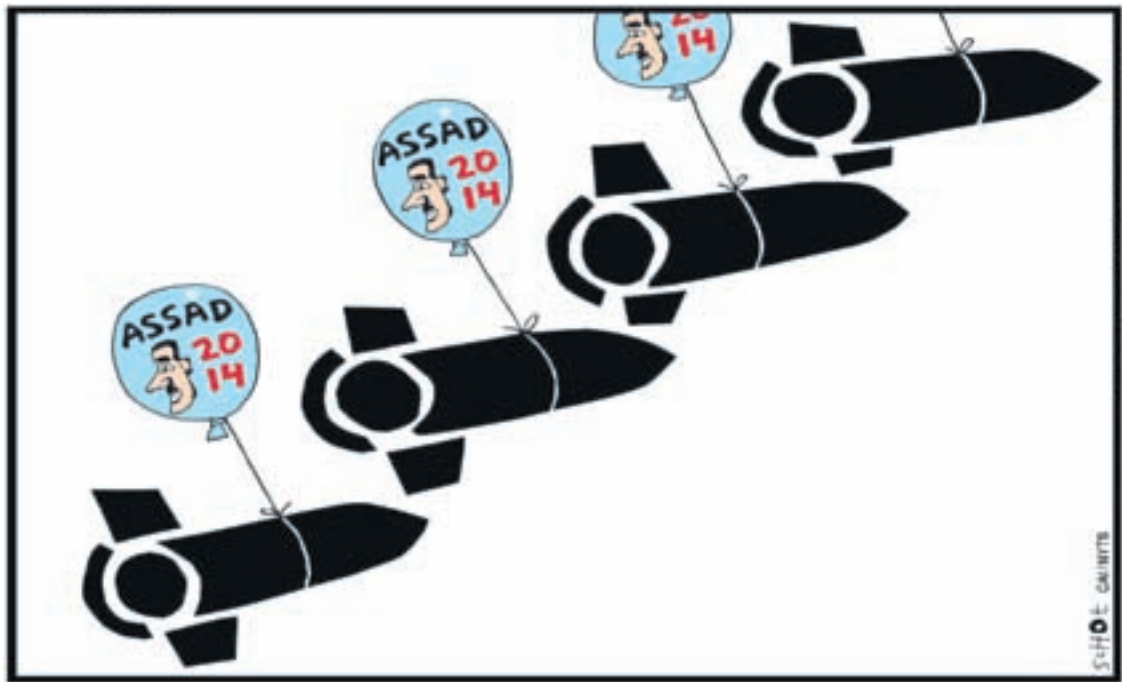
Northern Nigeria is a deeply conservative area, and if the schoolgirls are recovered, it may be difficult for them to marry because of suspicions that they are no longer virgins.

While the Nigerian military has shown little interest in rescuing the girls, it has, in the last few years, presided over a brutal counterinsurgency in response to Boko Haram bombings. There is viciousness on both sides.

The best tool to fight extremism is education, especially of girls - and that means ensuring that it is safe to study. The greatest threat to militancy in the long run comes not from drones but from girls with schoolbooks.

"These abducted schoolgirls are my sisters," Malala told me in an email from Britain, where she is recovering from the Taliban attack, "and I call on the international community and the government of Nigeria to take action and save my sisters." She added: "It should be our duty to speak up for our brothers and sisters in Nigeria who are in a very difficult situation."

Malala's right. More than 200 teenage girls have just been enslaved because they had the brains and guts to seek to become teachers or doctors. They deserve a serious international effort to rescue them. □



## It's Not Just About Obama



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There has been a festival of commentary of late bemoaning the pusillanimous foreign policy of President Barack Obama. If only we had a president who rode horses shirtless, wrestled a tiger or took a bite out of a neighboring country, we'd all feel much safer. Your Honor, I rise in - partial - defense of Mr. Obama.

Let me start by asking a question I've asked about other countries: Is U.S. foreign policy today the way it is because Obama is the way he is (cerebral, cautious, dispassionate) or is Obama the way Obama is on foreign policy because America is the way America is today (burned by two failed wars and weakened by a great recession) and because the world is the way the world is (increasingly full of failed states and enfeebled U.S. allies)?

The answer is some of both, but I'd put a lot more emphasis on the latter. Foreign policy, our ability and willingness to act in the world, is about three things: interests, values and leverage. Do we have an interest in getting involved in Syria or Crimea, are our values engaged, and - if either is true - do we have the leverage to sustainably tilt things our way at a price we can afford? Leverage is a function of two things: the amount of economic and military resources we can bring to bear and the unity of purpose of our partners on the ground and our allies elsewhere.

I'd argue that a lot of what makes America less active in the world today is a product first of all of our own diminished leverage because of actions taken by previous administrations.

The decisions by the Bush I and Clinton teams to expand NATO laid the seeds of resentment that helped to create Putin and Putinism. The Bush II team not only presided over two unsuccessful wars, but totally broke with American tradition and cut taxes instead of raising them to pay for those wars, weakening our balance sheet. The planning for both wars was abysmal, their execution worse and too many of our "allies" proved to be corrupt or used our presence to prosecute old feuds.

Anyone who thinks that the American people didn't notice all this, please raise your hand. As someone who wanted us to partner with Iraqis to try to build a democracy there - in the heart of the Arab world after 9/11 - I sure noticed, and I learned several things: Where we have real partners, who share our basic values and are ready to fight for them themselves - like the Kurds, who have built an island of decency that is the great unsung success story of the Iraq war - limited U.S. help can go a long way. Indeed, has anyone noticed that the two biggest reform successes in the Muslim Middle East today - Tunisia and Kurdistan - are places where our recent involvement was nil. They wanted it, and they built it. But where our allies are either too few or too divided - Libya, Syria, Afghanistan and Iraq - it requires a much deeper and longer U.S. involvement on the ground to midwife a new order than most Americans will tolerate. And to pretend that we can intervene on the cheap or just from the air is nonsense (look at Libya) and to pretend that Obama's wariness is just because he's a sissy community organizer is also nonsense.

Most presidents make their name in foreign policy by taking on strong enemies, but most of what threatens global stability today are crumbling states. Exactly how many can we rescue at one time? I'd love to help Ukrainian reformers build a functioning democracy, but the reason that is so daunting a task is because their own politicians wasted two decades looting

their own country, so the leverage required to foster change - \$30 billion in bailout funds - is now massive.

We need to counterbalance China in the Asia-Pacific region, but that is not easy when we owe Beijing nearly \$1.3 trillion, because of our credit-fueled profligacy. I am all for resisting Putin's intervention in Ukraine, but it is hard to weaken this petro-dictator without a national energy policy of our own that will bring down the price of oil and create alternatives. It is true that Obama could do more to "lead" the Europeans on Ukraine, but it is also true that Gerhard Schröder, the former chancellor of Germany, today sits on the board of a giant Russian oil company. Think about that. Europeans don't want to take on Putin. Our biggest problem, though, is not Europe or Obama. Our biggest problem is us and our own political paralysis. The world takes America seriously when they see us doing big hard things together - when we lead by example. If we want to do more nation-building abroad, then we have to come together on a plan to do more nation-building at home first - including infrastructure investment, replacing income and corporate taxes with a carbon tax, a major new push for both energy efficiency and properly extracted natural gas, skill-building and immigration reform and gradual long-term fiscal rebalancing. That's how we build our muscle and weaken Putin's. What is most scary to me about the world today is the fact that we are doing neither smart nation-building abroad to make the world more stable nor smart nation-building at home to make America more resilient and strong. We need both to be safe. We need more leverage from nation-building at home to have the staying power to lift others, but we also need those foreigners to provide a solid, unified foundation so our leverage can work. It's hard to replace a flat tire, when your jack is broken or is sitting on quicksand. This is not just about Obama. □



# Coldplay: An Uncoupling, but the Band Plays On

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**NEW YORK** - Last month, word of the impending dissolution of the marriage of Chris Martin, frontman of Coldplay, and Gwyneth Paltrow arrived with an emphatic thud on her website, Goop.com.

"It is with hearts full of sadness that we have decided to separate," the brief statement began. The post was credited to "Gwyneth & Chris," but it did not have the feel of a shared reveal. It ended with a plea: "We have always conducted our relationship privately, and we hope that as we consciously uncouple and coparent, we will be able to continue in the same manner."

That's not how privacy works, exactly. And while Paltrow may have benefited from first-mover advantage, doubtless she had an idea of what was coming: "Ghost Stories" (Parlophone/Atlantic), the sixth studio album by Coldplay and the one on which Martin quite nakedly wrestles with the crumbling of his marriage, and in so doing, forcibly steers his band into new territory - a man, and by extension a band, deflated.

For almost 15 years, Coldplay has been one of the most sonically ambitious groups in pop, concerned deeply with the way its music echoes off a wall in a huge arena, about how it fills all the available space in headphones. Its rock is neutered and edgeless, but at its best, Coldplay makes total immersion music. At its worst, too. This is a band that has excelled at scale, if not at all the moving parts underneath.

What happens when those parts are shoved to the fore is evident on several songs from "Ghost Stories" and was also clear Monday night at the Beacon Theater, where Coldplay performed its only scheduled New York concert of the year, playing several of the new songs, one for the first time anywhere.

That was "True Love," which Martin described as

the band's favorite song it had ever written. He asked that everyone put their camera phones away and not record it, so that it didn't leak to YouTube, and so that it could be just a moment shared between artist and fan. He did not request a vow

song. "Late night watching TV/Used to be you here beside me," Martin moped over what sounded like a reluctant xylophone, adding, "Used to be your arms around me/Your body on my body." A decade and a half into this band's career, it is still striking to hear

the stage while lasers shot up from the stage to the ceiling on either side of him. After a bit, bassist Guy Berryman began playing with the lasers, blocking them with his palms as if they were percussion instruments. Near the end of the song, Martin did the

as stand-in for feeling. Coldplay songs are built for cleansing singalongs - they provide a clear outline to fill in. In a room like this one, it's hard not to reflect wistfully on the affirming quality of the band's older, more emphatic hits. On those songs, they flexed



From left: Jonny Buckland, Chris Martin, Guy Berryman and Will Champion of Coldplay perform at the Beacon Theater in New York, May 5, 2014. The pop rock band was performing in support of its sixth studio album, "Ghost Stories."

(Chad Batka/The New York Times)

of silence from music critics, though, so here goes: "True Love" is eerie and uncomfortable, a literal begging. "I wish you could have let me know/What's really going on below/I've lost you now, you let me go." At the chorus, Martin sings earnestly and without pride, "Tell me you love me/If you don't then lie," dragging that last word out but putting no power behind it. Onstage, Will Champion played slo-mo prizefight percussion, and Jonny Buckland's guitar lines near the end were dry and needy. But in total, the song lacks the pomp - nay, the arrogance - that has been Coldplay's calling card, and its saving grace. The same was true of "Another's Arms," another new

Martin's voice so plainly, and to hear the rest of the band be so tepid.

The divide between new and old material at this show could be marked with a decibel meter - for the most part, "Ghost Stories" songs were mellow and contemplative and without urgency (apart from the lyrics - Martin, no obscurantist when it comes to words, is more literal than ever in the new songs).

As a unit, they were riskless, save for "Midnight," which suggests that Martin has been listening to Bon Iver and James Blake, artists who amplify their desolation with AutoTune, creating a new branch of melancholy. When he sang "Midnight," he dropped to his knees at the front of

same on the other side of the stage. Just two guys playing with lasers: Even at its darkest, Coldplay is a goofy band, loved and reviled by many. Over the years, Martin has learned to be self-deprecating about it all. He thanked the crowd for coming out "especially for a Monday, especially for New York, especially for Coldplay - all the things that would make it harder for you." That was lost on this crowd, full of faithful fans, including plenty of middle-aged men dancing un-self-consciously in the aisles. These are people for whom Coldplay's anthems - songs like "Clocks" and "Viva la Vida" - serve as release, for whom sympathetic rock songs like "Fix You" serve

Venice Beach bodybuilder muscle. On "Paradise," from the band's last album, "Mylo Xyloto," Berryman's bass was thick and pungent, and on "Clocks" Champion's drumming was hurricane-intense. His snares on "God Put a Smile Upon Your Face" were severe, too, almost mean.

On those older songs, Martin, too, was enlivened. Used to filling arena stages, he used the full of his body, jumping enthusiastically while singing softly. This was the Martin of old, and it was refreshing, but he wasn't able to fully inhabit that familiar space. During the raucous "Viva la Vida," he sang "Now in the morning I sleep alone," and he seemed to shrug ever so slightly. □